

# School Community Council

Tuesday October 6, 2020

6:30 pm

Google Meet

We begin with the DDSB - Land Acknowledgement.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions W. Palmer
  - a) Mr. Palmer reviewed the functions available on Google Meet
  - b) Parents, students and staff introduced themselves and their connection to the school
- 2) Elections W. Palmer
  - a) Parent Members
    - i) Only 11 parents, so no elections are necessary. Understandable considering the online nature of this year's meetings.
  - b) Officers: Co-Chair(s) and Secretary
    - i) Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Savage are the 2020-21 Co-chair of SCC
    - ii) Mr. Beggs will continue to be the secretary
  - c) Community Representative
    - i) There is no community representative, currently
  - d) School Representatives
    - i) Matthew & Sarah are student representatives - Co-leaders of Student Council
    - ii) Principal Palmer, VP Oliver, VP Koster, as well as teachers Ms. Gilbride and Mr. Beggs are school representatives
- 3) Constitution W. Palmer
  - a) On our school website - Under "Families" and "Parent Engagement" is all the information needed for SCC, including the constitution.
- 4) Student Parliament Update Student Reps Matt & Sarah
  - a) Student Council is "virtual" this year
  - b) Bear Wear - opening soon!
  - c) Student Leadership activities to date:
    - i) This year's intentions include: building a support system for our students - mental/physical wellness are important for our community; positive school environment; notably Gr. 9s since they don't have a "typical" introduction to high school; celebrating Gr. 12s as well who will be departing at the end of 2021.
    - ii) Orange shirt day - in commemoration of Residential School survivors
    - iii) Teacher appreciation day - video thank you and gifts/cards
    - iv) Gratitude giveaway-and Instagram poll and random prize/giveaway
    - v) Sports Jersey Day - after Thanksgiving
- 5) Principal's Report W. Palmer
  - a) Website
    - i) A great place to find out information if parents have questions.
    - ii) It is run by the Board and must meet particular standards to create a symmetrical look across DDSB Secondary Schools
    - iii) If any suggestions - contact Mr. Palmer

- b) Gr 9 Only Orientation Day cancelled
  - i) Class of 2024 T-shirts distributed to Gr. 9 students
  - ii) Guidance Department and Office staff have been meeting with all Gr. 9s to check in over the past few weeks
- c) Regional School Community Council – see DDSB website for more information
- d) Parent Involvement Committee – see DDSB website for more information
- e) Parents as Partners Conference – see DDSB website for more information
- f) EQAO Numeracy/Literacy Updates
  - i) Numeracy test is usually run at the end of each semester. The goal is to have a shortened online field test form of the test - but it is still being worked on at the ministry and EQAO level - so stay tuned for an update.
  - ii) Literacy - April 8, 2021 is the scheduled date for an online OSSLT.
    - (1) Our current Gr. 10s will write
    - (2) The current Gr. 11s - as far as we are aware, will ALSO be writing
    - (3) Gr. 12s who missed the test or missed re-writes may take the OLC (Literacy Course) - which has not been the case in previous years - but is mandatory for graduation
    - (4) There will be the usual preparation by teachers across disciplines
    - (5) an After-School Program which will be run virtually this year via Google Classroom.
    - (6) Further online supports will be available via the OLAS library site in the lead up to the test

6) Safe and Accepting Schools Team

W. Palmer

- a) COVID 19 Protocols
  - i) Students should conduct a self-screening before coming to school
  - ii) Students come to school with masks on and hand sanitizing as they come in the building
  - iii) Staff wear medical masks and potentially, face shields
  - iv) Students encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands; cover their cough and have tightly controlled washroom breaks
  - v) Students and cohorts enter and exit through designated entrances and exits
  - vi) Students are encouraged to maintain social distancing in class and in the hallways
  - vii) The biggest concern is maintaining physical distancing as students leave the school property and congregate. They may remove masks as they walk home. We strongly encourage those students to maintain their social distance as they continue their journey home. If physical distancing becomes a challenge then students are strongly encouraged to wear masks, even outside.
  - viii) Classes are split and there are no more than 15-16 students in a class at a time. \*NOTE: Mr. Palmer also reviewed our Quadmester calendar. See [here](#) for more information.
  - ix) Realtime & Flextime definitions were reviewed
  - x) OLAS (Online Academic Support) is offered 2:45-4:00PM for every subject area.
  - xi) Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of all touchpoints in classrooms and throughout the school.
  - xii) A Public Health nurse is at Brooklin HS on Fridays and is our Durham Region Public Health contact.
- b) Emergency Procedures:
  - i) Lock Down Practice - Thurs. Sept. 24, 2020. All went well and we made accommodations to maintain our physical distancing.

- ii) Fire Drills - Tues. Sept. 22nd, 2020. It did look a lot different as we were directed to accommodate physical distancing and maintain public health protocols. Dismissal was staggered and all went smoothly.

7. Gr 12 Reminders

W. Palmer

1. Grad 2020 (Oct 8 & 9, Hybrid Virtual/Drive Thru, 9am–12pm & 1-4 pm)
  - i. An unfortunate reality to have both spring and fall graduation plans fall through due to Covid-19
  - ii. Virtual ceremonies will be on our school YouTube channel.
2. Grad 2021 (Tues June 29, 2021 @ IPSC, 1 pm) - This is still tentatively planned.
3. Prom 2021 (Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> at Ajax Convention Centre) - This is still tentatively planned.
4. Post-Secondary Report Update
  - i. Mr. Knowles posted a Grade 12 Post-Secondary video on our YouTube Channel
  - ii. More information can be found [here](#).

8. Other:

1. Mid Term Marks will be posted on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> (now Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>) via the Parent Portal
2. Oct 26-30th Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted via telephone and appointments will be booked online.
3. Parents will be notified of any changes and updated via school messaging systems.

9. Adjournment and Action Items

- We are investigating information about school pictures.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 3, 2020, 6:30 pm