



WVSS PAC Meeting Minutes

20th October, 2020

Principal's report:

- Overall, things feel normal – kids are engaged, teachers have said it feels more normal, a lot of learning going on. Teachers working really hard and slowly adapting as we move forward
- Will send out reminders for parents to support on basic health and safety – drop off at entrance/exit designated. 10-15 min window before start. Will go over with Period 1 students
- Not needing to remind kids to wear masks, in classrooms 60-80% are wearing masks in 1st period class
- Using sanitizer like crazy, having to order more
- Today cut-off for mid term report card. We don't usually do this, but this year formal report card will be posted later today for access. Staff are really good and if there has been academic concerns parents would have heard from teachers prior to these interim reports
- **Remembrance Day** – recognition of the day. Dance, drama, English and music teachers put together a video presentation to show at the same time on the 10th. All created by staff and students
- **Friday is a provincial pro-d day.** Teachers will be participating in a variety of activities in various locations
- Last year we put in a podcast room. Excited to create a professional recording space so students could record themselves in a professional format. This is ready to go. Students recording reflections on assignments, interviewing each other and IB was excited to enter debate with other IB classes in other schools
- **School internet radio station** – ability to engage with the world. Looking at Shoutcast right now. Can hang podcasts, students can stream own personal playlists at all hours. Can classify by music and will get SOCAN licence. As soon as we said internet radio – we could a radio play. Early stages, many staff coming in look at equipment and schedule.
- Would be first high school in Canada to do this.
- Lisa question – quarter system could be an advantage, finding like a firehose of information. Curious if seeing an increase in students that are looking for more help. How will this impact entrance to university.



- Steve response – pace has doubled if not quadrupled from what they are used to vs system last year. In second gear now, not the same speed as last year. Students find lack of down time hard. Tues/Thurs is for extra help – every teacher is available, willing and able to help during this time.
- Monica question – concern and comment re traffic and safety on Inglewood. Although sign up about drop off/pick up in staff parking lot. Is there any way to block off the parking lot during drop off/pick up.
- Steve response - Supervisor can block access for those that do not require the space and closer access to the school.
- Marks are not being deducted for being late or assignments/test submissions for kids who are sick and staying home

Treasurers report:

- General operating budget and approved budget
- Optional cash donation – put in \$5000 for this year
 - We don't do fundraising so this is our big push
 - As of today 64 people have donated so far
 - Will push out in next newsletter and available on school cash online and thank those who have already donated. It has been suggested that we put out how many people have donated so far, a running tally
 - Would love you to engage with other parents to encourage the donation
 - Have we seen a participation increase with translation into both Persian and Mandarin? – **Mindy to look into this**
- **Gaming grant** – approved for \$24,060 which is great considering what is going on currently
 - Funds are used for Grand expenses, school uniforms etc
- **Poinsettia fundraiser** – raised \$1000 last year. Launched on Friday, with ordering ending Nov 16th and pick up Dec 2nd between 2-4pm
 - They have added more door wreaths and baskets. Volunteers needed on Dec 2nd to help – **Lisa, Monica, Carrie & Dana volunteered to help**
- **Upcoming Meeting Dates – Dec 15th in the evening at 7pm**

DPAC – Hoon & Monica

- Oct 21st Tech presentation 7-8:30pm free for WV parents and student
- Carolyn Broady collecting important questions or comments to share, please submit to Mindy and she will give to Carolyn
- Treasurers meeting – will talk to Mindy and Bob



- For tomorrow night's parent event. Register on Eventbrite
- DPAC – traffic & safety rep and secretary needed if interested, please email dpac@wvschools.ca
- DPAC social media Slack channel – fundraising ideas posted, masks customized with school logo Hollyburn as sold over \$800 in masks so far
- Social media rep for the PAC? There is a PAC group on the app. In terms of social media we do not have someone who does that. We can also get information pushed out through WVSS social. **Mindy to follow up with Shawn**
- **Grade 8 welcome package** – nothing so far. **Mindy to follow up on that with Steve and Shawn.** Should have received, if not now – when. Any type of grade 8 cohort communication.
- Should we create a PAC page for Facebook? Will need a volunteer or two to update. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this please let Mindy or Dana know – **Mindy to follow up with Shawn/Steve re set up of a page**