

TJHS SAC Meeting Oct.21/20

The meeting was held via Zoom platform

Minutes

In Attendance

Tammy Fox

Falesha Eagles

Katherine Hunt

Katie Titus

Thomas Woodbury

Abby Brothers

Jenny Greer

Brian Hayden

Principals Report (available on gnspes)

- 458 students

- cohorts

- Tammy broke down the numbers of classes and students by grade

- Teaming process (classes have 3 main teachers) Teachers visit students

- 2 Learning Centre groups/classes- trying to figure out how to safely get some of these students into cohorts safely (COVID concerns)

- Tammy outlined the set up if we get to a "Phase 2" of COVID in school. We would gain 2 teachers in this case.

- the Phase 3 plan is at home online learning/teaching

- new staff

- leadership opportunities for grade 5's who have missed it as seniors in Elem

- gr.8 Student Leadership Team Applications have gone out. We will start with Gr.7 next and work down to Gr.5

- name change – we need to consider it- we are no longer a junior high- we are actually a middle

school but no official name change yet

- Falesha mentioned that we should keep the community involved as well as students when it comes to a school name change
- every student received a Panther Pride t-shirt thanks to SAC
- reviewed COVID protocols used within the building
- going through approx. 100 masks per week due to lost/forgotten masks
- reviewed the lunch set up (new plan due to COVID)
- reviewed the outdoor classroom set ups
- recess play areas

SSP (Student Success Plan)

- Math/ELA emphasis re: instructional strategies
- Also a wellness goal in terms of the class environment
- We received a \$5000 Uplift Grant (Sarah MacPhee completed it). Outdoor classroom emphasis. Meeting next week as to how to spend
- \$5000 from Superstore for Breakfast Program. Breakfast Program is more expensive due to COVID
- also running a Panther Pantry (out of Schools Plus). First Baptist are supporting it \$ as well. The Pantry will offer some meal items to students/families in need. Almost ready to start
- meet the teacher is no longer in person
- making plans to meet the goal of the night in a different way
- still working out the details
- Jenny asked about how many parents typically attended in the past
- Tammy said that the Province will give us direction on this. Especially in terms of the Parent-Teacher meeting after the students receive their report card for term one
- Panther Pride Recognition

- Mi'kmaq History Month

Abby asked Tammy for more info about our Classroom Wellness Goal

- strategies for reaching all students
- small committee of teachers are working on this goal
- all subject word walls for example
- flexible seating (not an option during COVID)
- ideas for keeping all students engaged
- meeting students at the door, fidgets, classroom exercise bikes, etc.

Parking Lot Issues (from last year)

- new painted lines
- pylons
- are there still issues asked Falesha?
- Abby brought up the blind spot out at the entrance. Could we look at a no parking sign. Tammy will look into

SAC membership drive...

- We need a parent, 2 students and a community member on this years SAC
- Tammy brought up the fact that we need some diversity on our SAC. Be sure that all populations are represented. We should look hard to adding a Millbrook member and an ANS member both adults as well as students. Tammy will look at the student side through the Gr.8 Student Leadership Team
- Abby pointed out that she was a community member from Millbrook (Gigi Johnson's Mom)

Falesha asked about the \$5000 yearly budget from gov't. We didn't spend all of it. We haven't

got our \$5000 allotment for this year yet.

Playground Update

- waiting on install prices
- COVID has slowed everything
- We received a \$70,000 grant last year
- There are more grants if we work to access some more \$.
- We need to get someone or group to investigate grants. Abby volunteered to look into grant writing as well as looking into the JumpStart Accessible playground.

Other Business...

None

Next Meeting- Zoom 6:00pm on Wed. Nov.18th