

Minutes
June 8, 2020

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Edna opened in prayer.
3. Approval of the Agenda - Approved by Kelly Peters. Seconded by Bev Lee.
4. Principal's Report
 - a. New Vice Principal and LST – Lois Van Roon
 - b. Mrs. Harmon is retiring. Drive by celebration from 10:00 – 11:00 on Friday, June 12.
 - i. A new person has been hired. No name released yet.
 - c. Mr. Craig will not be returning in the fall as there is one less elementary teacher needed.
 - d. Jesse Koop, Sylvia Kadjik, Ashley Herbers, Liza Friend, Chloe Gabbert, Sandra Enns will be returning as EA's. Another EA will be hired at ½ time.
 - e. Currently 25 students fully registered for KG. (unofficially 28) If numbers rise, Mr. Alaric will advocate for an extra class.
 - f. Currently 213 students registered for September.
 - g. Feedback to Questions and Comments regarding Online Learning
 - i. Is it Provincial or School Division policy for the absence of feedback, for example, comments on uploaded assignments? It is difficult to motivate the students in the absence of feedback
 1. Mr. Alaric apologized for lack of feedback as that was definitely not the intention.
 2. Confirmed no provincial or school policy for absence of feedback or grades.
 3. Elementary focus was to be on numeracy and literacy.
 4. There will be no Term 3 grades on report card and assessment will not be lower than Term 2.
 - ii. Would it be possible for the content delivery for Elementary School to be structured like Middle school? For example, Middle School Teachers provide weekly update of content and test/provide feedback to students.
 1. An apology was made where information was lacking.

2. There is a committee formed to build platforms for communication at all levels. The goal is a consistent experience across all grades.
- iii. Some Parents find the Teams website for Elementary School difficult to navigate. Will it be possible to have it on the Teacher's website for easy navigation?
 1. Similar to the last question, work is being done to build consistent digital platforms that will benefit all styles of teaching for next year. The goal is a platform that will work for teaching done at school and at home and for the possible crossover of teaching styles.
- iv. Is there a way for parents to provide feedback to the School Division about the online mode of delivery?
 1. A survey was emailed out to all parents today. Please complete one survey per child.
 2. There has been some confusion in regards to the questions regarding the possible blended program. If none of the options listed work for you, feel free to communicate that in the comment box below the question.
- v. Based on media reports quoting Dr. Gilmore, there may be a hybrid system in the fall including an online component. Is it possible to ask parent for feedback and if possible, implement some of their suggestions? One of the suggestions that I have received is about the possibility of modeling online learning based on the model of homeschooling students in the province. They have a set schedule, work is evaluated regularly, and there is regular one-on-one contact with students.
 1. Alberta Education has stated they will have a plan and terms of regulation for school return by August 1.
 2. Cheryl Gilmore has released documents outlining three possible options for September. (School before covid, a blended model, at home learning) She has stated that the most likely is a blended option.
5. Questions and Comments about classes in the Fall
 - a. Mr. Alaric is planning for dual scenarios for fall. Some of the specifics are as follows:
 - i. Because the lower elementary grades are larger, the plan is for a "floater" teacher to assist in multiple classrooms rather than having a split class. This floater teacher will also help with one of the middle school classes. If there are parents who choose to keep their children home, this teacher could also be the contact for those learning entirely at home.
 - ii. Middle school classroom teachers will see little to no changes.

- iii. Work is being done to develop a digital portfolio that will have areas for instruction as well as assignments. This will aid in the school/home transitions as well as offer a parent link to be able to follow what is happening and expected from their child.
 - iv. Attending school multiple times per week should be putting less responsibility on parents because of the shorter gaps between face to face instruction.
 - v. Full day blended program would have some students attending school Mon/Wed and others Tue/Thurs. Fridays would become teacher prep time because they will be losing time for supervision etc.
 - vi. All PL days would likely be moved to Fridays.
- b. Answers to specific parent questions
- i. Can elementary teachers provide a weekly plan at the beginning of the week similar to the middle school updates?
 - 1. Definitely something that could be looked at. A bit more challenging to give an elementary student an outline of the weekly expectations when sometimes an hourly expectation is too much for them.
 - ii. Would the blended model include longer school days.
 - 1. Right now that is not being entertained. It would be a problem on multiple levels.
 - iii. Would the school consider having all students from the same family attending on the same days?
 - 1. Yes, the plan would be to keep it simple for families. This would also help with transportation because social distancing would not be required with children from the same family.
 - iv. Will band classes operate as normal?
 - 1. Probably not but no firm decision has been made yet. Regulations would include guidelines for these types of classes.
 - v. Would one on one time continue with EA's for students benefiting from that style of teaching?
 - 1. All options will be looked at for all students. Mr. Alaric acknowledged that for some students that is very beneficial and is committed to supporting all students as best as he can. There are different ways that this could happen and as the start of the school year gets closer, these specific decisions will be made.
 - vi. Will PE classes be happening?
 - 1. Not sure at this point. Once again, we will need to wait for specific regulations. Mr. Alaric acknowledge that team sports play an important part in learning but there may only be individual activities like walking etc. Getting physical exercise in nice weather will be easier than the winter.
 - vii. Will Mrs. O's off campus PE program happen?

- i. These activities will have to be decided on a case by case basis but every effort will be made to do as much as possible.

6. Thank you!

- i. Thank you Ms. Brooks and all the teachers! We are sad to not be able to serve you an appreciation lunch.
- ii. Thank you Jodie Knott! This is her last year on parent council as her “baby” is moving on to high school. (Sorry, Jenna😊)
- iii. Thank you to everyone on parent council for all your support and help in many ways!
- iv. Thank you Edna for everything you do! You are a blessing and we love your laugh!

7. Closing and Prayer

- a. Jodie Knott closed in prayer.