

Sudbury Secondary School Parent Council

March 08, 2021

Minutes

Members Present:

Heather Downey

David Bertrim

Sean Green

Bernadette Remillard

Kate Barber

Melissa Houston-Hopper

Beverly Bellerose

Trenessa Beers

Welcome

Heather indicated she was happy to be back, and thanked Dave and Sean for the great work they have done in her absence and presence.

March Break/PA Days

The Ministry of Education has postponed the March Break until April 12 to 16, 2021.

As a result, teaching and learning will continue the week of March 15 to 19, 2021.

In addition, the April 19th Professional Activity Day has been rescheduled to March 19th

COVID-19

- To date we have no positive cases, but have had some students and staff need to isolate due to other schools and bussing contacts.
- March 09, GVT Lab and Imaging Services will administer the rapid tests. Individuals who test positive will receive a PCR or polymerase chain reaction test to confirm the result. As required under Public Health legislation, positive test results are sent to Public Health Sudbury & Districts for follow up.
- Update on PPE and policies and procedures.
- Staff and students are working hard to keep our school community safe.

PIC (Bernadette)

Bernadette continues to be our representative at the Parent Involvement Committee. The last meeting demonstrated the SHSM programs available. The next meeting will be June 02, where Kevin Cameron will discuss the VTRA (Violent Threat Risk Assessment) program.

SWAG

Heather presented the option of using some of the PIC money to purchase masks with the SSS logo. This would both assist with the safety of our students, while giving the opportunity to do some public branding. It would be great to see SSS logos in the grocery stores!

- ❑ All were in agreement to spend the \$8 per mask for incoming grade 9s and staff.

Kate Barber suggested using some monies to provide a “treat” to our current learners. After some discussion we decided we would do that.

- ❑ Admin is willing to augment monies to do this as needed- on the day before the Spring break.

Graduation (Dave & Heather)

Letter February 19th:

This year, we are accepting the reality sooner rather than later. We have asked our elementary and secondary schools to plan for virtual graduations this spring.

Graduation is scheduled for June 10. Discussion ensued regarding interactive. At this point there are no plans for an interactive graduation.

Principal/vice-Principal Profile (Heather)

Principal Profile due in March: Collective throughout the council. Heather sent the profile out via email a couple weeks ago. Committee was in agreement that the profile is complete and ready to be forwarded. A copy will be included in this email for final approval before HD sends off.

Reaching Out Grant (Beverly Belrose)

Bev Bellrose spoke to the grant that she applied to and received last year. A “Parent Resource Hub” in Library. Students and Parents alike have utilized the resources, but things will open up more post COVID-19.

School Events

Student Success (Trenessa Beers)

Amazing work from our staff and student success team - 55 students and 60 credits referred. We have already attained 8 credits in the last month. Awesome work!

Sports (Heather)

Current co-curricular sports are on hold in an effort to suppress COVID cases.

SSS is spending capital funds to add new Volleyball nets to the igloo.

Our outdoor basketball court is slated to be installed in April :)

Registration (Heather)

Awesome push from Arts, Admin, Guidance and Office staff. Sitting pretty at 75 incoming grade 9s.

Auditions continue online.

Technology (Dave)

Giant thank you to George Gauthier for providing our school with an influx of chromebooks. We have 138 in the que to re-image and have at the ready for our learners. Some chromebooks, tubs and carts will be purchased from the school budgets

OSSLT (Trenessa)

To be assessed for in school learners only, between March 23-June 04. Test will look different and learners can write together since there will be many versions of the test. Test will not provide provincial, board or school results, but students will get their results. Student Success has been doing rapid assessments and offering support for our 9/10 learners.

Tasks:

- Heather to order masks
- Heather to purchase “loot/treat” for our in-school learners, as well as a note from our parent council.
- Heather to send off P/VP profile again for final approval.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 27, 2021 @ 5:15

Adjournment: 6:35pm