

1. **Welcome and Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order. All attendees were welcomed.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes formally approved

3. **Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda was formally approved

4. **Principal's Report – Jeff Schust**

- Reminder: Parents are asked to check the school website regularly for information; information is also communicated regularly through Syner-voice
- **Q & A**
 - **Timetables** delivered today; delay was due to the high number of students overall, and in on-line learning so it took a bit longer than some of the smaller schools; every school is different so we can't compare PC to other schools
 - Students can contact their **guidance counsellor** for information on changes if required; check the website/student services
 - **Student Fees:** not charging any fees right now. School is running on funding from the ministry.
 - **Regional Program Fees** were paid last year for this year. Waiting to determine if a refund is available. We aren't sure how the fees for next year will be. Waiting to see how the rest of the school year plays out relating to Ministry directives.
 - **Yearbooks** will be given out on Dec 15, 16 and 17! Finally everything is in, and the lists are done. All graduation material will be handed out at that time as well. Please look to the school web-site for updates.
 - **No yearbook plans** for this year, since no activities are going on; if things change, we will reassess; it would be digital regardless; the digital one would be free. If students want a hard copy. They can buy them from the school's supplier.
 - **Next quadmester: Nothing is changing regarding assessments**; there will be tests; students **MUST** have their cameras on during the assessments – that is a Peel School Board directive which was sent to parents last week; no change in calculating marks
 - **Virtually – all students will be in the same class**, regardless of cohort; all classes running 8:30 to 11 am; classes will be streamed; all students are attending at the same time; classes will not be repeated. Links sent out to all students today.

- ***Presentations?*** Teachers have been given tablets. Some are also using AppleTV and Chromebooks; they can share their screen; that will be the new norm to support all Cohorts attending class together (virtual and in-person).
- ***Platform:*** Teacher will decide the platform; Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams. Google Teams are most popular; all of the information regarding the platform was sent to all students today via their Peel e-mail accounts.
- ***PPE for staff:*** All staff must wear masks but not faceshields: Region of Peel Health dictates the rules – Faceshields are strongly recommended but not mandatory; staff will be equipped with microphones (if needed); we have had a lot of practice wearing masks and speaking through them, so, the students should be able to hear the teachers clearly.
- ***What happens if a COVID exposure results in a school shut-down?*** The decision to shut down a classroom or the school is made by Peel Public Health (PPH), not the school; PPH will also advise someone if they are to be in isolation; the school follows the direction of PPH – the school has no control over the decision; we follow the advice coming from PPH; classes would continue virtually if that happened; however, please keep in mind that we wouldn't want to push a student or staff member who was sick to go on-line daily.
- ***Will there be Exams at end of quadmester?*** It's up to the Ministry; my guess is no, it would be a culminating activity; however, the school has not been advised of the decision on this yet
- ***Are course changes allowed?*** Yes, the student will need to go through counselling department; a form is required; the form and information is available on the school's website look on website
- ***If a student has two difficult courses together can they make a change?*** See answer above. Would also like to note that it depends on availability. Right now the courses are jammed, we have minimal room to move people around, a lot of students are waitlisted; any students wishing to change courses need to talk to their guidance counsellor
- How will physical education courses be run? The teachers are doing their best; they will do a warm up, then the class activity will be determined by the teacher; students can watch what the students who are in-person are doing; we realize there are some limitations, but, we are attempting to ensure that all students get physical education during the class (in-person or on-line).

- **Post-secondary information:** Pathways – there are a number of different post-secondary links on the school website; one is for all of the colleges; another is for the universities; if a student wants to know about any other specific schools, they should contact their guidance counsellor; info also sent to students about 1.5 months ago
- **How do students find their OUAC number?** Contact guidance counsellor; they were also mailed to all students – students should have received these in the mail about a week ago
- We try our best to welcome students every morning. Please contact your student's teacher/s if you have any questions at all

5. **Bronze Bar – update provided by Tanya**

- Bronze bars for 2017 are in the process of being put up (just waiting for a professional development day where both parties are available)
- Tanya is also looking into alternatives (e.g. one piece plaque); she is speaking with provider; before the next meeting, she will provide the information to the Council

6. **Open Forum**

- **How can we support any PC families who may be in need of help?** Janet Miller runs a program to help PC families; right now they are looking to do a food drive; another voice message will be sent out along with a student email with details, once they are known; non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the school

Compass Food Bank – can we connect PCSS with Compass to help out the PC families? Please touch base with Janet Miller.

- **How can I get my two children into the same cohort?** Please contact Heather Howell – one of the VP's – question to get children in same cohort
- **Are there any 'early release days' coming up?** Yes - tomorrow and Thursday are early release days; nothing is happening in the afternoon
- **When will progress reports be sent to students?** These will be sent to students Gmail accounts on Friday, starting about 12 pm noon

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 9, 2021, 7 pm

Meeting ended approximately 7:35 pm