

Present: Audrey Kluin, Tom Hamer, Mark Lowe, Greg Thompson, Natalie Townshend, Joanna Johnson, Gord Bramfield, Sandra Fremstad, Cammy Dunn, Carlene Groenenboom, Nancy Molenaar.

Friday School :

Mark began the meeting giving background on why we chose to go this route:

- Possible loss of a teacher if we lost kids to PBB Learning.
- Able to keep 150 students and all staff with our system.
- This comes with a cost - more work on teachers to run 2 options with an online and in-class learning.
- Discussion came around to Friday non-instructional days. PBHS ran with it but apparently went out of bounds by losing instructional hours and not involving DO in the process. Mark apologized for not involving the DO when PBHS decided to extend the flex Friday. Palliser Division has stepped in looking for correction to this procedure.
- To date utilizing online learning - we have identical attendance from last year. Roughly 8-10 students everyday that are out but accessing online learning.
- Fridays started slow but up to roughly 50 kids on any given Friday. Examples why - homework, projects, re-tests, one-on-one instruction, etc.

Division discussion towards the next step....

- Mark to be commended for thinking outside the box.
- Grey area - do we have school on Friday or no school on Friday.
- We need to dial this back so that we are prepared for any concerns that may arise from parents or the community in case there are unsuccessful segments to this plan.
- Mark mentioned that the 2 biggest concerns with the system is a) teachers are aware of the pacing in their class and b) 'Respecting' or buy-in to the system so it is not just a day off.
- Is Option 2 staying without Fridays - well, they are related. Can we ask more of our teachers? Concerns regarding student attendance, keeping up with curriculum (can we deviate and offer 2 classrooms if students fall behind).
- Discussion followed on merits and reasons to continue/scale back the Fridays.: Kids invested and using it, not holding back students on track, engagement, staff more relaxed (better mental health),

So original plan: Continue in to October with Fridays, sent to parents to give us feedback before moving on...so (Division) what is our actual plan?

- Create a larger focal group using both parents and teachers to create a plan. Mark will generate a survey to send out/Asked for DO to generate some additions to the **survey. Will go out Friday, Oct 23**
- Moving into November/December - scale it back to once every 2 weeks until January and then decide what goes on from January forward.

- November 6, Dec 4, Dec 18 will be flex Fridays and all others are Regular Fridays (except Nov 20 is PD)

Sports: Mark gave background on what discussion was on what sports could look like. Remaining in school cohorts and meeting once a week to practice/play during an allotted time. No outside games at this point.

Joanna has given the proposal that we have in writing to Division Office and we wait for the official stamp.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm