

PBHS School Council
November 12, 2020
3:45pm
PBHS Library

MINUTES

Call to order 3:45 pm

Welcome / Introductions: Mark Lowe, Greg Thompson, Nancie Molenaar, Sandra Fremstad, Cammy Dunn, Michelle Marti, Sharon Rutledge, Kristine Cassie, Kelly McLeod, Natalie Townshend, Michelle Schwarzenberger, Dave (unknown: email online)

Reading & Approval of Minutes; Sandra Fremstad read the minutes from October meeting. Minutes approved by Nancie Molenaar

Reports

Trustee/Central office - Sharon Rutledge. Report to share from the past 3 months. Included:

- Choosing Chair/Vice Chair. Movement on personnel at the Division including Mike Nightingale (moving), Audrey Kluin (HR), Tom Hamer (Deputy Super.), Adam Browning (COVID representative)
- Budget discussed (deficit)
- International Travel (or lack of)
- Upgrades to Maintenance on schools and COVID updates.
- Next meeting - November 24.

Principal: Mark Lowe

- More students accessing option 2 learning. Was at about 10 students but we are now up to 20 to 30 students on any given day. A very positive response from our community about our programming.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony - positive responses about our online tech portions. We will try to run a student assembly later this month using the same format.
- Update on Fridays - no new information. We will continue with our schedule until Christmas unless we hear something different.

- Sandra asking if there is a way to speak to the Board or the Directors of Learning in order to show data and results in order to keep this going as it is a very positive thing during the Pandemic.
- Christine: From a Board stand point, we are just trying to be transparent and making sure that we are keeping in line with gov't directives.
- Discussion followed with next steps being that we are following process and Mark will gather the data requested and provide a document for the Board.
- Staffing Mental Health - staff starting to increase in anxiety levels and workload. We will need to evaluate if we can continue with option2 and other components that staff are doing. Our staff have communicated with us that the best way to deal with the stress is keep pressures down and give us more time.
- Student Mental Health - Students started the year fairly calm and seem to be doing better in terms of Health right now. It was not as positive a couple of weeks ago but we have had less incidents in the office in terms of conflict, behaviour, or seeking counselling over the past 2 weeks.
- Information - PBHS is preparing for an international student from Germany in semester 2. More information to follow.
- January Exam Schedule - exploring different exam schedules based on the possibility of no Diploma Exams and jr high schedule. There is a possibility of condensing the schedule right now if there are going to be changes coming to that

Council: Sandra Fremstad -

- No report based on no new information on COVID or other factors at this time.

New Business:

1. Future of Fridays?
 - a. survey results
 - b. action

2. Xmas dinner ideas - Based on number of students in the building and protocols for food serving, perhaps it is better to order pizza based on protocols for making the meal

3. Return to Sport - We will need to wait for clarification from Adam Browning on the new measures that were released today on whether we can proceed.

Around the Table:

Sharon - asking for numbers of students utilizing classroom vs option 2 at the start of the year and currently.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10th @ 3:45pm

Adjournment: 4:45 PM