

St. Brigid School Council Meeting

September 24, 2020

1. Call to order – 6:04
2. Opening Prayer
3. Review of agenda
4. Administration Report:
 - Change in enrollment from June to September due to online registration. Resulted in re-configuration of classes and two fewer teachers overall (one elementary, one junior high).
 - Question about gov't subsidy for reduced class sizes – since St. Brigid had already been granted a contingency teacher this year, we were not given an additional teacher. This fund is also being used to provide more guest teachers, floor stickers, hand sanitizers, etc.
 - Safety Procedures for COVID:
 - stickers on floor
 - water fountains turned off except bottle filling station – students sanitize hands before and after use.
 - students given hand sanitizer upon entry/exit
 - no changing shoes at this time so students may move directly into classrooms
 - staggered entry/exit and assigned doors
 - log book in classrooms to keep track of who enters each day to help with contact tracing
 - COVID 19 checklist expected to be completed daily before coming into school
 - following AHS guidelines for isolation/quarantine
 - cohorts – students remain with classroom cohort group, lunches are eaten in classrooms, students are divided into two groups (A and B) for staggered recess and lunch, classrooms are assigned zones outside which are rotated daily, equipment such as balls can now be used if they are sanitized and students sanitize hands before/after use
 - exceptions to cohorts – jr. high are assigned a permanent zone that does not require them to remain in cohort groups, grade 6 students from 6/5 combined class and some students from 6M are in a combined math class which is a separate classroom but students remain separated in their cohorts within classroom, grade 9's have a band option which takes place in the Learning Commons with social distancing
 - students may have mask breaks outside if they are 2 meters apart
 - junior high option classes were originally mixed but as of Monday students were put in option classes based on cohorts. Cohort groups will rotate through options – these include Music, Art, Coding, Drama
 - Elementary Music – grades 5-6 taught by Mr. King, grades K-4 will be taught by homeroom teachers.
 - Free periods in gym will be assigned for elementary DPA (Daily Physical Activity)
 - Athletics, band camps, fieldtrips are suspended for now

- Learning Commons is available to jr. high students on a rotating basis over lunch hour
 - School Fee Schedule – fees were approved in May meeting.
 - Activity fee (\$50) charged for fieldtrips, presentations, TPet, etc. Activity fee will likely be reduced this year as a result, and if things open up later in the year, a user-pay system may be established.
 - Enhanced Fee (\$10) charged for things that go above what is typically provided (eg. Mother’s Day gifts)
 - \$40 CTF Fee
 - Noon Hour Assistant Fee (\$80) – this is the district maximum fee which only pays for 4 assistants. District is subsidizing us so we have 5 this year because of extra supervision needed for students to eat in classrooms
 - Optional Yearbook Fee – will drop to \$20 from \$35 this year only due to a surplus from previous years
5. Treasurer Report
 - Balance \$5,617.25 – Financial statement submitted and details discussed
 - Considerations for year – Staff Year End Lunch, Welcome Back BBQ for September 2021
 6. School Council Positions Approved
 - Chair – Amy Giles
 - Vice Chair – Petrina Nash
 7. Questions:
 - How will students with extended absences be kept up to date?
 - Elementary** – will set up Google Classrooms. Recommended that teachers post one activity per week to familiarize students so that they can be ready to work from home if necessary.
 - Junior High** – just received access to Bright Space where assignments will be posted
 - How will grade 6 math students remain in their cohorts when taught together? Students will be taught in a separate classroom that has been sanitized. They will sit on opposite sides and maintain their cohort group with physical distancing.
 8. Next meeting will be October 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Learning Commons.
 9. School Council details on the website at <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stbrigid/e-learning/Pages/Virtual-Events.aspx>
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