

École Sire John Franklin High School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
Sept 17th, 2020

Present: Dean MacInnis, Leanne Dragon, Shirley Gau, Anne Mobach, Angela MacDonald, Cathy Tumoth, Kerry Lynn Durnford, Miki Ehrlich, Paula Campbell-Rogers, Carla Skauge, David Wasylciw, Newton Grey, Kathy Racher, Lena Schofield, Amy Lea, Rajiv Rawat, Liz West, James Lawrence, Tracey Williams, Keri-lyn McLeod

Regrets:

1. Approval of Agenda

- ❖ Agenda approved
 - Motioned by: Keri-lyn McLeod
 - Seconded by: Carla Skauge

2. PAC Meeting Secretary

- Shirley Gau

3. Introductions

- ❖ PAC Chair – David Wasylciw
- ❖ SJF Principal – Dean MacInnis
- ❖ YK1 Board Rep – Rajiv Rawat
- ❖ Record # of parents attended today's PAC meeting: 18!!!

4. Chair Report: David Wasylciw

- Nothing to report at this time.

5. Admin Report: Dean MacInnis

- ~75 staff, 738 students registered.
- Daily schedule for Gr. 8 & 9 (full time), Gr. 10-12 (half time). Please see attached schedules.
- Between Gr. 8 & 9 they hired 3 more teachers so the class size could be smaller so they could go full days. For Gr. 10-12, not able to decrease the class size to allow for full time schooling.
- Return to school plan. See attachments.
- ~ 500 students at the school at any one time.
- City Bus - if there are any issues, please contact the city.
- Communication. Please refer to Communication @ SJF 2020-21 attachment. Communication is primarily through website, social media, auto dialer callout system, newsletter, and PowerSchool.
- Open houses will be virtual this year (videos, paper info)

- Awards for Gr. 9-11 students (from last year) – there will be small class presentation to recognize students for their academic achievements. This will happen in October.
- Parent-School building relationship – if parents have concerns, please bring it up to school first so that we can work together to find solutions.
- A message will be sent out all parents to sign up for PowersSchool.
- Potential changes to the school calendar – instead of having early dismissal this year SJF is proposing to run full days everyday and then have full day STIP days.
- Covid -19. See New protocols and procedures @ SJF attachment.

Dean answers parent questions.

- **Parent:** Bathroom breaks during class time seem to cut into teaching time (e.g., teacher waiting for 10 minutes before starting class for all the students to be done using the bathroom). **Dean:** bathroom breaks are currently only during class time because of the bathroom cleaning schedule.
- **Parent:** Lunch breaks for Gr. 8 & 9 – there seem to be some inconsistencies between classes in whether they go out during the break. Are all classes going out on a daily basis? Or only if the teacher signs up? **Dean:** he will follow up with the teachers about this because it is important for students to get out and be active during the break rather than be on their phones for an hour.
- **Parent:** Will there be extra support for students? Is there a possibility for YK1 hiring someone to provide support as teachers are spread so thin already? **Dean:** 1) the school is in the process of trying to have students sign up for extra help in person after school dismissal (Gr. 12 focus right now), 2) some teachers are offering virtual help at set times (teacher dependant).
- **Parent:** Will students be getting lockers for winter gear? **Dean:** Gr. 8 & 9 will have them. No lockers for Gr. 10-12.
- **Parent:** Are there plans for extra curricular activities? **Dean:** The school is looking at interest in these and will put in a proposal to be able to do them based on interest.
- **Parent:** Will the students get access to change room for gym? **Dean:** the school is working on this. Hopefully, they will be available soon.
- **Parent:** Are the students able to use of water fountains? **Dean:** The water fountain portion is shut off, but bottle fillers are on. Students are encouraged to bring a full water bottle to school.
- **Parent:** Will Gr. 12s write diploma exams? **Dean:** The plan at this time is for students to write diploma exams, but this can change.
- **Parent:** Will students schedule for 2nd semester be the same (i.e., if the student goes in the morning in the first semester, will this be the same the 2nd semester). **Dean:** Not necessarily. They have not worked on the 2nd semester schedule yet.

- **Parent:** What are the options when students/teachers need to self-isolation? **Dean:** Opportunity students to attend virtually through zoom. This will only be provided to students who are not able to come to school (e.g., self-isolation because they were out of NWT, waiting for Covid test results, medical), not for students who want to come to in-person schooling sporadically (e.g., not wanting to come to school that day). Parents please notify the school if their child requires virtual school for the above reasons. For teachers, they are able to teach via zoom from their home. This has already happened for a few new teachers who needed to self-isolate – it has been successful.
- **Parent:** How will parent-teacher conferences happen this year? **Dean:** In-person conferences not an option at this time. Virtual options are being considered. If a virtual appointment is not possible for a family, considerations may be made for in-person conference on a case-by-case basis.
- **Parent:** YK1 was to supply 2 masks for every student. Have these been provided to the SJF students yet? **Dean:** Unfortunately, the masks for the SJF students were lost. They are in the process of finding them. They will be distributed once found.
- **Parent:** Teachers are currently wearing disposable face shields that cannot be thoroughly cleaned. Will this be addressed? **Dean:** SJF has ordered proper face shields for their staff that can be cleaned.

6. YK1 Board Report: Rajiv Rawat

- YK1 Board supports parents bringing concerns first to the school (teacher, school admin) first if possible before bringing them to the Board or ECE.
- The board has been in contact with ECE for Covid-19 funding that may be incurred due to increased health precautions (e.g., PPE).
- Policy Committee – Please go to the YK1 website if you are interested in look at these policies.
- Trustee meeting. 2nd Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome. If you contact the board office they can put you on the e-mail list to send out the link to attend the virtual meeting. Next meeting: Oct. 13th

7. Next Meeting: October 15th, 2020 @ 7pm

- Motioned by: Leanne Dragon
- Seconded by: Keri-lyn McLead

8. Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 p.m.