

## MEETING MINUTES – HASTINGS PAC

Hastings PAC - Tuesday, September 29, 2020

7:00-8:30 pm

1. **Welcome (7-7:05)**
2. **Introductions /Checking In (7:05-7:15)**
3. **Reports/Updates (7:15-7:50) a. Administration**
  - a. **Vice Principal - Susan Dent (7:15-7:25)**

*Susan is co-chair with Lisa Wall the health and safety committee - Oversaw a thorough cleaning top to bottom of the school.*

### **- School routines (staggered schedules, masks & handwashing, cohorts, etc.)**

*It has become a routine and a habit; kids are really trying. Physical distancing plan at recess and outdoor playtime going well when outside of their cohorts. Some students choose to wear masks outside. Kids are enjoying the newfound freedom on the entire grounds.*

*SSAs and TOCs: must be 2m apart, if not able to do that, must wear a mask. Has divided district into quadrants so it's the same schools they are attending.*

*Staggered schedule: 2 sets of recess and lunches (early and late). Up to the teacher how long lunch is (20 minutes approx.) but it depends on what is happening that day.*

### **- Meet the teacher night**

*Staff decided it was not possible to do an in-person event; they are putting together a video so parents can meet them; 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October (Student conferences).*

### **b. Principal - Vital Peeters (7:25-7:35)**

#### **- Technology Inventory/Goals for classes / Tech purchases**

*Technology goals: get everyone in the classes up to speed; have projectors in most classes but 7 for sure that need them; VSB has changed vendors: \$2000/each. Devices – traditionally ipad cart that is signed out; if you want to use them more spontaneously – if all classes have a small number, can always have them (even though they have fewer); ipads: would like as many ipads as we can get! \$400/each*

*Denise: large sum of money from government for school support; needs to be fair and district; technology equity plan: 45 devices were replaced in the spring.*

*Federal money was used on extra cleaning measures (staffing and materials).*

*575 total enrolled – 85 students in transition option 4.*

*Number of students with designations, can only be so many kids per class so needed to add a division.*

*Question: Nicola gone – is there a new counselor? District has to fill the position, not Vital and Susan; as of this afternoon, looking at a candidate and more info to come by end of the week.*

- c.           **Chair - Jacqueline Shaben (7:35-7:40) i. Highlights from last year ii. 2020/2021**
  - d.           **Treasurer report (7:40-7:45)**
  - e.           **Secretary report (7:45-7:50)**
4. **New Business (7:50-830pm)**

**Supporting teachers – How can PAC provide support? Workshops/field trips?**

Gisella Rino attended to represent teachers: how do we support teachers? Online sessions would be great; quite limited in doing traditional field trips; would like to take it back to the teachers and then Ms Bion can get it back.

**Air purifiers / Air Quality**

*See proposal from parents on purchasing air purifiers for classrooms; DPAC passed a motion; every window should be able to open; there are classrooms that have windows do not open; one tiny window that opens; windows that open – bring forward at DPAC meeting which Deb will do;*

*VSB monthly board meeting; trustees vsb.ca (top is calendars; click on events – every board and trustee meeting); Marcie: to share these dates with the parent population; send in questions.*

**Amendment made on 10/29: it was the VSB board that passed the motion above, not DPAC.**

## **Food security in schools**

*Daily lunch and breakfast program is still there; parent also has the option to get a grocery bag for the week; How is it going with the kids that are using it? Is there a stigmatization? Susan says no feedback.*

## **Anti-racism subcommittee:**

*Multi-lingual PAC resource / translating: simultaneous translating; survey with admin (primary languages spoken); outreach meetings hosted in each of the primary language; Susan can get that info for us.*

## **New proposal:**

*Claudia: with the increase in outdoor time - school drive for donating outdoor clothes and getting them in the hands of people who need them. How do we do this? Is there something in place at the school already?*

*DPAC PAC 101 on Oct.1<sup>st</sup> – Denise offered to attend; any exec members?*

**Adjourn (830pm)** adjourn at 8:35pm

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 28th @ 7pm**

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