

Date: Oct 26, 2020
Time: 1930

Attendees:

Kelsey Doolaar, Principal GSS
Mark Baxendale
Jacquie Farnsworth
Navneet Rondeau
Gilles Rondeau
Trina Wolfenden
Tammy McLennan

AGENDA:

1. Principal's report
2. New business
3. PAC meeting schedule

Principal's Report:

1. Teachers are just finishing District Wide Write for grades 8 and 9. This helps determine the bench mark for literacy support and to see where students are. This helps determine how to support students in need.
2. SNAP- numeracy assessment will take place in beginning of November.
3. We have a new teacher starting November 3rd, his name is Mr. McPherson and he will be teaching Grades 8 and 9 Math.
4. Grade 10 students will be doing provincial literacy assessment on November 3rd to see where the students are so they can be successful
5. Grade update: grads are just looking at venues at this point. Some options are KHMR, Heather Mountain Lodge and there is a third option.
6. Some exciting news is that low risk local field trips will be starting soon. No high risk activities at such as skiing will not be starting yet.
7. GSS also wants to roll out outdoor education in February.
8. School sports will be starting in the beginning of November, they will be organized according to cohorts. Volley ball will be starting and run until Christmas vacation. No basketball for now as it is high contact sport.
9. GKHAT is running a program with grade 8 students on Day 2. Interested grade 8 students will go with Ryan Foort to do dryland training and will be on the snow starting November 6th.
10. Sarina Craig the health and safety personnel sends an update on the number of Covid cases in East Kootenay and last week there were only six cases in the area.
11. New Grad Program: student build credits from grades 10 to 12. There is a literacy assessment in grade 10 and 12. Students need to do one science course in grades 11 and 12. French immersion students need to do two electives in French as well as the FRAL courses.

Q and A:

-Kelsey asked for a feedback from parents about parent – teacher interviews as more people signed up for Wednesday than Tuesday and Thursday. There are very few people who signed up on Tuesday and Thursday. Tammy said she just picked Wednesday but is able to Thursday if that is better but Kelsey said that was not necessary. Jacquie booked Wednesday as she had time on that day due to her busy work schedule. Navneet said it would be helpful to have later evening times available as most people work until 4 or 5 so they prefer later times.

-Jacquie apologized for not being able to help at the last meeting as she was very busy at work and was thankful to Mark and Navneet for stepping up and helping.

-Jacquie asked how the after school band program was being received.

Kelsey said it was going well for the grades 9 to 12 but not for grade 8's. She was hoping to bring grade 7 students to join in the band to help with numbers but due to covid that is not working right now. Doing band in the evening allowed GSS students flexibility to not lose out on other courses. There are not that many grade 8's in the choir and band. She said she would like parent feed back on how to schedule band to make it work for everyone.

-Mark suggested may be it can be done during lunch time.

Kelsey said it was possible but this would not be enough time to make up hours needed for the course.

-Trina's niece was in the band program and she did prefer it during school hours as they live out of town.

-Jacquie asked how the locker training going at school since the student started using them?

Kelsey said it was going well as the students can grab their stuff out of lockers in the morning, at lunch and after lunch. Students are doing well not being in large groups and staying in their cohorts.

-Kelsey asked if we should have monthly meetings or every two months?

Everyone agreed to have one meeting at the end of the month. Last Monday of each month worked for everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Next meeting: Monday Nov 30 2020 @1930