

Date: Nov. 30, 2020
Time: 1930

Attendees:

Kelsey Doolaar, Principal GSS
Jane Fearing, Trustee
Rhonda Smith, Trustee
Mark Baxendale
Jacquie Farnsworth
Navneet Rondeau
Andrea Sherriff
Tammy McLennan
Nikki Tataryn

Minutes:

1. Approval of Agenda- sent via email to all nothing to add.
2. Approval of minutes (sent via email prior to meeting) No changes to the minutes from October 26th meeting.
3. Principal's report / Covid-19 Update

-Kelsey said that all fall assessment on reading and writing for grade 10 is completed. Grade 10 numeracy assessment will be done at the end of January. Any student doing math at this time will do it in January and the others will do the assessment in June for all grade 10 students.

-The literacy assessment is done again in grade 12.

Covid Update: Kelsey said students have been following the public health safety guidelines around covid-19 to keep our school safe. Spending more time outdoors, maintaining social distancing, not sharing food or any other personal items with other, hand hygiene and wearing masks.

-Minimizing cohorts in classes and taking personal measures to help with safety at school.

-She spoke about the Swiss cheese model as per diagram below and how doing various safety measure will help keep the students and staff at school

Swiss Cheese Model

- ❑ No single action can keep a person safe
- ❑ There will always be flaws in any approach
- ❑ Stack them together to get a solid piece of cheese...or a good response to Covid

- the ventilation in school is up to help cease the transmission. There is 25% fresh air exchange to help cease the transmission.
- there has only been one exposure case at School District #6, which was at Invermere and there was no transmission to staff or student from that exposure.
- students are expected to use etiquettes such as sneezing into elbow and washing hands.
- the schools are safe place for students even in these times. This is supported by the data that there are only 12 incidents out of 549 of school transmissions in all BC schools that were at school.
- we are doing well at school as 81% schools had 0 cases in BC. Risk in schools are four times lower than the community at large.
- new public health order didn't apply to schools as our safety measures are working. Schools are closed and controlled environments.
- anyone feeling sick is not coming to school
- the students are allowed to go out during lunch hours but we are keeping an eye on the student behaviours; if students do not follow they will be restricted from leaving school. There have been talks about potentially keeping grades 8 and 9's at school during lunch hours.
- She understands that everyone is feeling uncomfortable around safety. She said the non-medical masks are not required.
- the school is keeping accurate contact tracing, all adults entering the rooms need to sign in before entering.
- there is an emergency response plan in case the need arises.
- if someone is not well they will be in an isolation room where they will stay until they are picked up. The isolation room is then cleaned thoroughly.

Jane Fearing asked, "How is the general feeling with students?"

- Kelsey said there is an upswing in the students starting to get in school. Teachers are saying that the learning culture is there. Students are following the protocols expected at school. Cases surge in Golden has increased importance of safety among the students.
- Kelsey said again that the school is a safe place for students to be.
- Kelsey is hoping we will not be going back to online learning and the students can be at school.
- Kelsey talked about Outdoor Ed Academy- there are 21 students who are registered in this program.
- Photography is another program that is available.

Mark asked if programs like concerts, activities etc. are banned?

- Kelsey said there might be a winter series concert in January 2021.
- Navneet said the Remembrance Day assembly was very nice. It was nice to share with parents who are working and cannot attend the in person assemblies.

Nikki Tataryn asked if the student are still able to join Band?

- Kelsey said yes, students can still join Band. She also said that they are trying to do Band outside of scheduled time to give more students opportunity to join in. They wanted Grade 7's to participate in Band as well but due to Covid it did not happen. She is willing to look at Band during scheduled times if it is easier for parents. Specially the ones that live out of town. Overall the Band is doing well for seniors, but they could use more students in junior Band.

4. Treasure's report – Nothing to report at this time. Navneet said that she applied for the gaming grant so we should receive it in few weeks.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm

Next meeting: Monday Jan. 25/ 2021 @1930