

L'Ecole Bilingue PAC mtg Oct 29, 2020

Call to order 7:07.

Attendance: 23 (via Teams; incl Exec & Admin)

Administration update from Natalie

- Mosaic: Aja Billas artist in residence to do a tiled Mosaic with the kids with an anti-racism theme to be installed in the old mural location at some point
- Exterior panels: humidity in between panels & concrete caused cracking of the tiles shortly after installation; company coming to replace them next week (new colours are grey and cream); scaffolding will be up but not expected to be noisy; all machinery will be fully fenced.
- 9 of 29 students remaining in Option 4 with delayed in-school return; transitions have gone well
- COVID: some feedback regarding the cohorts and recess mixing where some kids have felt limited access to their friends, however with numbers going up it's not felt to be a good time to pursue any changes in the carefully planned arrangements. Sticking to cohorts through the day & recess makes it easiest for kids to learn with less anxiety about closer contact. Reminder that our school is at or near capacity, with relatively few students learning from home. Question regarding masks addressed by Cynthia, outlining that the school is following provided guidelines; grades 6 & 7 are required to wear masks outside the classrooms but are optionally allowed to wear them in the class; no noticeable stigma about masks, some kids are wearing them & others aren't.
- Welcome to Jacquie Lavoie coming to the school as principal in January.

Welcome & message from Enoch, PAC chair.

- Motion to approve the minutes by: Tim Vines, seconded by Jonathan Suter
- Survey: 50 answers; summary: email for primary communication, PAC meetings to stay as they have been, parents interested in all the usual events as much as can be accommodated virtually; funds have been provided to support 30 laptops for Tech upgrades, PIN money to teachers have already been spent.
- Budget update from Fiona: direct donations \$1300 total to the end of September (typically 15,000 in a year); gaming grant received (\$9000); if expenses exceed revenue for the year we will use savings; current budget is in deficit, eg. \$6000 for computers will come from savings if insufficient donations are raised.
- Upcoming plans from Tim:
 - Hallowe'en Haunt: very difficult to do any kind of activity as a group for Hallowe'en, despite several ideas and attempts; limited to activities initiated by the teachers.
 - Extracurricular activities: PE takeovers are permitted, meaning Elevate Ultimate may be possible in the spring; after school clubs are still in discussion & are

awaiting approval; potential for an in-residence dance program for the school again this year with each grade learning in this program.

- Other committees
 - Ski club: limited due to bus restrictions; will be re-evaluated in new year
 - Book fair: going ahead online
 - Choir & musical: no good solution
 - Yearbook: issue of access to photographs; ideas being considered including letting the kids take some photos with class iPads
 - Spirit wear: should be ready ahead of Christmas
 - Bike to school: too soon to plan
 - Speaker series: Whole Brain Child hosted by school counselor Chloe in Jan/Feb; First Aid & babysitting for students turning 11 to be hosted by Jody Nikkinen in early new year (unknown yet whether virtual or in-person).

- Motion to adjourn at 7:59 by Jody Nikkinen.