

L'Ecole Bilingue PAC mtg Nov 26, 2020

Call to order 7:04.

Attendance: 59 (peak # via Teams; incl Exec & Admin)

Administration update from Natalie

- Introduction to Jacquie LaVoie: Francophone originally from Winnipeg, long history of teaching in French Immersion; 2nd VP position was at L'Ecole Bilingue in 2003; most recently at Trafalgar school (past 5 years).
- Outdoor panels: new panels will be complete this coming weekend, all cleaned up by Monday 30th, 3 weeks ahead of schedule.
- Mosaic: each student has made a tile & glazing is nearly done; Aja Billas (school parent) directed it; it will be put up the week of Dec 7th; theme of anti-racism.

- COVID-19 update:
 - **No change in guidelines & expectations** have been made at this point despite numbers increasing across the city / province; reminders are still required for the kids but it's going very well; 3 recess blocks is going well; please continue talking to your kids about what the expectations are at school. Reminder to conduct the daily self-assessment, there seems to be a great effort on the part of families keeping sick kids at home. Some additional resources may be available through the library for times when kids are at home. Administration is available for further discussion.
 - **No changes to the cohorts will be made in the near future**, following consultation with the board & in recognition of the number of kids in the school;
 - **A confirmed case at the school has occurred this week**, however no additional information can be provided due to confidentiality; the positive case was dealt with very thoroughly, Vancouver Coastal Health has advised that the circumstances suggest that the chances for transmission having occurred at the school are very low; only information available to be shared by the school is what has been provided by Vancouver Coastal Health; affected parents can provide additional information if they desire.
 - **Students will be required to wait outside the school if they arrive early** or aren't picked up on time. Many kids are arriving late, and they must funnel through the front door & must wait in lines to enter correctly through screening. Please do not play on the playground after school as it facilitates gathering and cross-cohorting.
 - **Please keep dogs off-site** as it encourages kids to group together.

- **Questions from chat answered by Natalie:**
 - Are students contacted by VCH self-isolating?* Yes, this is confirmed & the expectation is the family is isolating and monitoring for symptoms as appropriate.
 - Can parents share if their kids are directed to self-isolate?* Yes they can, but the school doesn't influence this. The number of kids who are self-isolating isn't available.

Why can't cohorts be re-organized after the break? Because of the shared pod spaces and facilities for hand washing, and the carefully considered flows of classes in and out of classes and spaces. Kids are also very active in managing their cohort mingling.

Can LEB please share when there has been an exposure, even without details, so that parents are informed before they hear it elsewhere? YES, this was omitted by accident & an email has now been sent.

Are teachers asking all students to wear masks? The school cannot request anything outside what has been requested by the Public Health Office, and could be reprimanded for doing so.

PAC update

- Planning an Among Us tournament for grades 5-7. Seeking game chaperone volunteers, **please email with subject title: Among us.**
- Book fair finishes Friday; direct donations still be solicited for some continued costs (including teacher pin money & laptops); babysitting & CPR courses planned for Jan & Feb proD days; Mme Chloe will host a speaker session on Feb 25th (date to be confirmed) & will discuss the Whole Brained Child book; Beastvan Apparel in consultation for school apparel (eg. a custom mask); a how-to-use Teams even is being considered, please submit questions if you have some.

Motion to adjourn by Mila (Jelena Dreskai?), seconded by Scott Graham at 8:10.