

Maplehurst Middle School PSSC
November 24, 2021

Present: Sylvie Arseneau, Andrea Boudreau, Tracy Doyle, Ryan Edison, Sarah Johnson, Jocelyn Keech, Mandi Lawson, Sherri Leger, Michelle Lord, Elizabeth Nowlan, Tracey Redmond, Christina Robichaud, Sandra Savard, Jamie Teed

Guest: Mark Owen, DEC representative

Regrets: Stacey LeBreton

Call to Order – 630pm

Motion to approve agenda – moved by Andrea Boudreau; seconded by Ryan Edison

Motion to approve minutes – Tracy Doyle; seconded by Mandi Lawson

Principal's Summary (Attached)

Liz Nowlan gave her report, attached with these minutes.

Learning from home has been challenging on everyone, with 17 days home out of 51 total, or 1/3 of the term.

Difficulty holding students to account in striving for excellence.

A large percentage of students did not/could not complete their learning from home; some fell behind.

Many challenges to evaluations at this time; some children did not participate whatsoever during the period at home.

Liz's explanation will go out to parents regarding N/As, which will be in large number on report cards

Sufficient interaction/feedback with students was lacking.

- Formative report card this term; meant to be progress reports, versus summative report cards at year-end
- Extension for report cards was not granted – Minister denied the request from the Anglophone District
- Skills-driven curriculum more so than content-driven; skill development can continue all year for those who missed curriculum
- Grade 6 – outcome-driven (versus strand-driven in grades 7, 8); detailed reports in development/trial stages

*Some parents noted that the Grade 7 math report was much appreciated.

PT Interviews – will be with homeroom teacher, virtually; these teachers would have the strongest connection with the students/group – parents are still able to contact subject teachers directly at any time, but interview is with the homeroom teacher as liaison.

*Some parents would like to see a platform supporting meetings with subject teachers, quick meetings with all teachers – something more resembling the high school model; connecting with all teachers in short increments. Different options discussed.

Highlights to celebrate:

Deanna Musgraves art installation “Diversity” coming Friday
Band has started up with Mrs. Gautreau
Soccer and cross-country teams both brought home banners
Volleyball is underway
Bookfair this week in the library

The school community continues to grow - 16 new registrations since November 15 (majority English)

Excellence in expectations – School Improvement Plan Goals

Focus on excellence in expectations to begin the year
Guiding principles document
Advisory starting in January – each adult in building will have approximately 15 students
Athletic code of conduct

Instructional practices – offering excellence and diverse opportunities for Huskies

FSLO
Impact groups starting in January
Outdoor education opportunities with various staff – interest in building an outdoor rink
Student leadership opportunities
GSA – Gender Sexuality Alliance led by guidance counsellor; supporting students in their identity development
Process improvement plan

Literacy data has arrived – is posted online through GNB

New Business

Crossing guard posting is up/has been shared
Track and field day to come potentially this Spring
Grade 8 celebrations – parents/students may want to organize a committee if there are to be any activities (will not entail awards or individual prizes; emphasis is on individual intrinsic strengths and less on external rewards; celebration versus graduation)
Could be an impact group running celebrations

Lots of interest in home and school

One close Covid contact identified this week (from on a bus)

Discussion on questionable reliability of rapid tests

No word yet on grade 7 immunizations

Late immersion classes full currently; English would still be an option for registration (29 is class limit) – there are 10 of each grade homeroom classes

Motion to adjourn at 7:43pm

Next meeting date: Date to be set after the holidays. Jocelyn will send out a poll.