

## Meeting Minutes – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Welcome to all members – each member introduced themselves and shared their experience

Jocelyn Keech – Was nominated chair of the PSSC 2021-22 and has accepted

Kezia Ruth Williamson – Offered to take on the role of Admin Assistant for the committee

Updates from Principal – See notes below

### Principal's Summary

#### Highlights:

Extracurricular is back (student council, GSA, soccer, Cross country)

Advisory and Impact Time – Planning is underway

Students can mix within grade levels outside

We can flex group for interventions

Use of cafeteria and options has brightened the atmosphere in the building

Safety is our priority, and we work within the PH guidelines to support the planning of all activities

#### Covid-19 Operational Days (5 days for Maplehurst to date)

- Process we follow
  - Call/email from Director of Schools regarding positive case
  - Wait for letter re Operational Day
  - Contact Tracing information re classes/groups/bus
  - Wait for Contact Tracing letters
  - Send letters and info re Rapid Testing kits
  - Proof of full vaccination – homeroom teacher
  - Facilitate pick up of kits
  - Daily recording of negative tests for 10 days
- Liz shared information on the process of rapid testing for students who are close contacts and are not fully vaccinated.
- The contact tracing letters will be sent as soon as the school receives them.
- Questions from parents:
  - How do you know the vaccination status of the students? We now ask the students to show proof of vaccination (close contacts and extracurricular involvement).
  - What would happen if you received a call that there is a positive case at your school, would you close the school at that moment? No, we would follow the process for the next day.

- Does the district anticipate more operational days because of the rapid testing? District is more prepared now; more information will be shared at our next administrator meeting.
- Parents appreciate when Liz sends check in/update emails to parents when we are waiting for the contact tracing letters.

#### Learning from Home Plans

- Consistent plan for grades 6, 7, and 8
  - Attendance
  - Accountability
- Social Media concerns
- Choosing to stay home
  - Teachers are not obligated to provide online classes for students who are choosing to stay home
  - Parents value consistency – They appreciate the schedule that was sent by the grade level teams
  - We realize that this is new and that we are all learning: parents, students, teachers

#### Language Learning Opportunity (LLO) – Overview of this Innovation Prototype

- Priority for the EECED Green Paper
- Maplehurst is part of this Prototype Innovation Opportunity
- We have been provided with Professional Learning budget to support teachers and an Education Support Teacher – Natalie Leblanc who is supporting teachers and students
- Maplehurst will explore and create FSL Teaching and Learning practices in innovative ways
- 3-Year Plan, Year 1 will focus on Grade 6
- Opportunity to group students according to their language level and language needs.
- Consistent language expectations (*I can* statements) for each subject
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development randomly selected 30% of Grade 6 to be assessed orally through the Oral Proficiency Interview. These interviews are being conducted in October (pre-assessment) and will also be conducted in the Spring (post-assessment).
- We will gather a student focus group this year to share their voice on their language journey through this innovation opportunity.

#### School Improvement Plan

(Much of the PSSC's role is to support this plan)

Two main areas of focus identified:

- Excellence in academics and behaviour. High expectations are held for each student. Students and families know these expectations.

- Teachers use high yield instructional strategies to ensure active learning and learner engagement.

#### Home and School

- We hope to have the Home & School back and running again this school year

#### Crossing Guard

- The city of Moncton has not been able to hire for these positions.
- No eligible candidates identified at this time
- Action: Liz will send information to Andrea to be posted/shared on Maplehurst Facebook Families page.

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.