

**Maplehurst Middle School PSSC  
January 26, 2022 via Webex**

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: Sarah Johnson, Andrea Boudreau, Michelle Lord

Call to Order – 632 pm

Motion to approve agenda – moved by Ryan Edison; Jamie Teed

Motion to approve minutes – Mandi Lawson; seconded by Sherri Leger

**Principal's Summary (Attached)**

**Liz Nowlan gave her report, attached with these minutes.**

Student body sits at 702 students, with near-weekly welcome inquiries for new enrolment  
Learning from home – attendance is better, with overall improvement in engagement (over 80%)

Some students are in-person – newcomers, ESL students, PLP-I students with EAs, adjusted PLPs, at-risk students, behaviour-supported. Transportation by bus, with return once curriculum is finished

Teachers are feeling better than previous term with on-line learning engagement/progress

Teachers are preparing for in-person on Monday

Expectations will be need to reset when school resumes

**School Improvement Plan (SIP)** – Tracey inquired as to whether this can be shared at this time. Hasn't been formally converted into the template provided by the Province. Remains to be formalized, but can be shared.

No specific academic goals will be included in the SIP. (Behaviour and academics generally are included, as opposed to specific academic areas.)

Teacher and student perception surveys also inform the data collected for the improvement process. (Used to be driven by literacy and numeracy data; a shift is being made away from this.)

Evidence piece of performance is different than what we are accustomed to traditionally.

Unfortunately, the process of solidifying the SIP has been disrupted continually during this year.

First Provincial assessments were in May 2021, in grade six. (This is the first academic dataset for Maplehurst Middle School that is available.)

Liz shared data from the **grade six reading evaluations**, which were more or less on par with the District and Province, with somewhat lower outcomes among the Immersion students. These are moment-in-time snapshots of performance. (Data is included in the principal's summary report.)

Students in grade six will be writing again in May 2022. Will be done online this year.

Kezia asked about comparative performance between Provinces or nationally – an explanation followed re Pan Canadian Assessment Program, and then beyond (PISA – International assessments ranked by country)

### **Return to in-person learning**

Some concerns and details were highlighted:

- Restrictions will be somewhat loosened – no bubbling will be required as before
- Teachers have been supplied with N95 masks
- Challenges with student masking – they will be worn at all times by students and teachers, unless eating or drinking
- Distance will need to be kept in the cafeteria (for 25 minutes), and for 25 minutes outdoors
- Possibility for parent communication or detention for not observing masking guidelines – suspensions, only as necessary
- Home screening will be very important
- Asymptomatic cases have been identified (8 cases in the last week) in the school population currently learning in-person
- Operational days are expected where staff shortages cannot be met
- No further contact tracing letters will go out
- Classes will be informed if there is a positive case within that class
- If a child has a symptom and tests negative on a rapid test, they can come to class
- Grades 7 & 8 are allowed to mix in level 2, so different than for the grade 6s
- Sports will be allowed to resume in level 2 – choir, band, student council
- Public Health will be tracking cases and determine whether a class or school needs to be shut down – if a cluster is detected, for instance
- Support teachers (45 or so) who work for the district will be available if there is a shortage in supply staff
- There is some discussion of canceling classes when a teacher is sick
- Communication will be key
- It is the Superintendent who makes the decision to close schools

Stacey started a discussion about mental health supports for students upon their return; perhaps even allowing for it as a budget item. Concern was expressed and shared over the impact the pandemic has had on students' mental health. Consensus was that a guest speaker or event focused on the students would be appropriate at this time.

Staff appreciation week – February 7 -11 – PSSC will handle coordinating this, though it is not a part of the mandate

Mandi will write an email calling for help/contributions

**Budget**

\$561 is available to be spent by March 31 –consensus was to spend the funds creatively for something to benefit the students (around communication)

Action items – to compile ideas for spending (Jocelyn to send out a Doodle)

Liz closed by encouraging everyone to reach out with ideas, concerns, or anything that will assist with returning to in-person learning

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm – Ryan Edison

Next meeting date: