**JO Virtual PAC Meeting – April 22, 2020**

***Present:*** Sheril Gelmon (PAC Chair), Jo-Ann Gordon and Wendy Sinclair (Co-Secretaries), Lara Spence (Communications/Social Media), Brent Schieman (Principal) and 9 parents.

The meeting began around 7:00 pm with approval of minutes from February 20th meeting by Sheril Gelmon and seconded by Wendy Sinclair.

***1. Principal's Report*** – Brent Schieman

- daily meetings planning how to operate from safety standpoint, and with Health Minister, Education Minister and then VSB District guidelines

- any room where teachers have been in recently gets deep cleaned

- committees are getting back together

- timetable for next year is beginning

- using **Microsoft Teams** (rather than Zoom or other platforms) – students information is more protected

- have given out about 40 laptops to students/families who have no computers at home

- technology is also a focus – there are some students who stand outside the school to use the wifi

- as of **March 13** – marks from Term 1 and 2 will be combined to give minimum mark for the year

- if students are failing as of March 13 teachers need to make a plan with the student and give a remedial course to pass from now to the end of June

- **lockers** (removal of personal items) – procedure will be detailed Thursday April 23 by the District – may begin having students come in small numbers by next week

- continue to provide lunches to those vulnerable students in our community

- schools may be in the classroom by the end of the year, but unlikely for secondary schools

- Tupper is trying to have Life Skills coming back to the school, in rotation

- schools have been asked to cancel all outside vendors – Prom hotel has been cancelled; Grad Chan Centre is not giving back June deposits until later in May

- all trips have been cancelled and refunds are in process or will be in due course

- best way to contact **teachers** is through email (on website)

- teachers need feedback and encouragement as well, not comparing with other teachers

- they have been told to go slowly and to teach key concepts to allow students to go onto next level

- they have done away with the Day1/Day 2 structure and are asked to give 1-2 hrs/day total for Gr. 8-9, etc.

- looking at level of instruction for students at this point – how much, how often in order to have continuity of learning

- **Summer School** – will not be in the form it usually is

- no remedial courses (4 weeks) – taken by students who have failed a course

- might be completion courses (6 weeks) – full course

- VLN in the summer may shorten their usual 12 month time period to finish a course

- continue checking the John Oliver website for updates and information

***2. PAC Executive 2020-2021***

- we thank some outgoing Executives for their years of service – Jo-Ann Gordon, Suzanne Smythe, Michelle Koski

- we have some opportunities for volunteers – a Co-Chair, Co-Secretary, Treasurer, District PAC Rep, Co-Communications/Social Media

- provide summary of each position

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next PAC meeting will be held **Wednesday, May 20, 2020** at 7pm.

If you have meeting feedback, ideas or need to contact Sheril Gelmon please email her at **sherilgelmon@gmail.com.**

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