

Parkside School Council

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:00pm – ~~Library~~ Virtual-Inclement weather

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Report

Heather Snow (Co-Chair)

- *Black History Month* – Julie and I were discussing the following events
- *Have a Heart Day* – Indigenous info for nonindigenous people
- *Dress Code* – if any concerns, send notes to senior staff / no dress code violations to date for PCI – no issues reported – maybe some light on the equity lens on why changes /rational around this decision – idea of student expression whatever that looks like (traditional/non-traditional garments) Curiosity is positive regarding these changes.

2. School Social Worker Presentation - Chris Morris

(to contact use board email to reach out/or call 519-619-5918)

'not attached directly for the school – independently-most schools don't get us full time-they look at size, need and how school manages us as a resource. PCI uses our svcs very well. I work closely with Guidance, student success teach and VPs and Mr. Moore, frequent communication and meets. A student needs to be referred and need parent consent if under 16 for help with social worker getting involved/Mr Morris comes in at the later stages. Mr. Morris is flexible and mobile with his student workload (100+ students) and can text with students to meet in classrooms/caf. etc..

-Goal is to build relationships with these students which is key / be a good cop and non-partial observer/support student advocacy in a meeting. Facilitate and prevent from escalating.

-Teachers will come to him to find out what's going on with students and he can bridge the gap of communication

-Alt classroom in the portable to adjust learning environment/smaller groups at own pace but disconnect from the main building enviro. Now there are programs / two classes a day available to accommodate these students who need that support. And student success room #9 to oversee and having positive interactions to see how the students are doing.

-Clothing bank in portable for donations available for any students in need at PCI. You can take or give. No restrictions

-Harvest hands works with him and there are food delivery hampers that get sent to about 4-5 families in our community every week. Last year 153 hampers delivered.

-Speaks to staff and students and takes on new cases – complete confidentiality

-help get a mindset to be successful and me in the right mind space and being receptive to success/available for learning with support in the background

-Kids trust him and this works well as informing staff for student support purposes

-the creativity Mr. Morris brings to get kids happy and healthy

3. Staff Report

Amber Wadsworth (Guidance Dept.) - ABSENT

4. Student Report

N/A – as it is *Final Evaluation* week

5. Principal's Report

Mike Moore (Principal)

6. 'Any other business'

Mike Moore

Present: Tammy L., Melanie P., Heather S., Brian M., Mike M., Julie M., Sonja S., Lynne M.

Regrets: Kari M., Melanie T., Melanie M.

Adjourned: 19:30/ 7:30pm

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FROM LAST MEETING:

1. Final Evaluations

- Friday, January 26 (*Period 1*) Monday, January 29 (*Period 2*) Tuesday, January 30 (*Period 3*) Wednesday, January 31 (*Period 4*) -
- **all students will come to school to complete some kind of final evaluation on those days – if they have a scheduled class / if you choose not to come then you don't get the marks – or make arrangements with administration**
- no exams in grades 9, 10... but they will have presentations/projects/discussions/etc. on those days
- grades 11, 12.... may have exams or presentations/etc. on those days
- this day will be part of the final 30% of the grade for the course

2. Supports for Students (repeated from last two meetings)

- whatever the concern, whatever the issue, whatever the need – we have staff in the school students can talk to/support is available to help students (student success team)
- 60+ teachers + guidance counsellors (*Watson, Wadsworth, Wolfe*) + social worker (*Morris*) + Resource Teachers (*Cumberland, Littlejohn*) + Student Success Teacher (*MacMenamin*), + Administration (*Moore, McLean, Hodson*) +, secretaries (*Coombes, Williams, Derrough, Turvey*)
- one skill we are continually working on is 'self-advocacy' for students; "we can only help if we know"

UPDATES:

a) Midterm Pass Rates

(True values are bases on students present and able) unlike other schools

Grade 9 = 996/1097 = 91%

Grade 10 = 833/893 = 93%

Grade 11 = 766/855 = 90%

Grade 12 = 681/746 = 91%

OVERALL = 3276/3591 = 91%

Notes:

- students missing over 75% of classes are not in this data
- students who transferred, dropped, etc. also not in data
- failing at midterm = you missed an ave. of 11/46 classes
- no one was failing in Drama, Gym, Bus., F.I, F. Studies
- schools normally go up after midterms re: support plans

b) Line Cuts For Semester Two

The board over-allocated lines to school too many so had to cut/moving pieces of who goes where

- Announced to parents/guardians on Friday, Jan. 19 via phone message
- TVDSB had 100 lines to cut at secondary level
- PCI had 4 cuts to make; decisions made in consultation with Guidance and In-School Staff. Comm.
- "made in an effort to minimize impact on students";
- Classes cut had 11, 8, 6 and 0 students in them (library) only open 3 times a day now sem. 2
- Foods / Math SR / GLE / Library

c) Locked School Doors

- No official TVDSB policy; it is a "... school by school decision" / we've talked in many capacities about this and how it affects our students and their access to school.
- Safety is our number one priority...
- Next steps?
- Why is it that other schools and PCI don't? Discouraged there isn't a policy / we haven't had trespassers or incidents otherwise
- Lockdown procedures are in place for security/safety – very successful. Ghost town! Mindset at PCI is fantastic/ Teachers are trained to see and report – call office for a lockdown to take effect.
- TO ADD/REVISIT AT NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

d) Grade 8 Open House

- Over 1200 people attended; we are gathering feedback (pro and con)
- Thanks to Melanie and Heather for representing this group at the event!
- Mr. Moore had an earlier discussion with superintendent about how to learn and fix our problem of how to distribute students – they advised will be years (3-4) before this gets addressed as doing London first 😞

e) Grade Nine Registration for next year

- If student attends *Southwold, New Sarem, Kettle Creek, John Wise, Elgin Court, Trudeau, Cote (7)* they can attend Parkside if they choose – with transportation.
- If student attends any other Elgin school, they are considered 'out of area' and must complete the corresponding paperwork.
- All depends on their local address...
- Total number of grade 9s to be accepted is TBD.

Options:

- i) everyone who wants to come gets in - enough space OR
- ii) those 7 feeder schools take all the spots and no one else gets in OR
- ii) it's so popular to have out of area students (do a lottery done at board level to gain attendance to school)
-once numbers are determined we'll know how many students / in the middle of this right now

SEMESTER TWO INFORMATION:

- i) Classes start on Monday, Feb. 5
- ii) Homerooms to be posted by cafeteria + schedules are on portal now
- iii) Course Changes to be done the week of Feb. 6-9
- iv) Course Selections to be completed by Feb. 1 – will drive everything we can do next year; as discussed at last meeting
- v) Monday, Feb. 19 = Family Day holiday
- vi) Saturday, March 9 – Sunday, March 16 = March Break Holiday
- vii) Wednesday, Feb 21 & March 20 = next School Council Meeting (6pm) Library

Any Other Business?

a) Free Feminine Hygiene (*H. Snow*)

-are they available at PCI? Yes guidance/main office/female washrooms/chris morris' office

b) Safe and Inclusive School Team (*H. Snow*)

-Ms. Hodgson leads this team and they have met x2 / being safe at school and take data from student's survey and address the hot topics, numbers to bring them down / student voice is seen and heard

c) Grants for School Council (*H. Snow*)

-We get \$700.00 per year from board for school with list given to PCI as to where it should go

-We could use signage for open house / sports event

-'Parent reaching Out - Program' got money to have a speaker come in for youth, drugs and alcohol- Mr. Moore will look into

-Add to agenda for next time - HAVING CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC COME IN AND SPEAK-

-Carnival Feb 16th is coming up – is it possible for PCI to cover student fee for F. Imm. Program students (not possible from council as per Mr. Moore – Principle will have funds but not sure how much yet)