

Brant Ave Parent Council Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

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6:30pm

Attendance:

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Teacher Report

-The teachers were excited but nervous about coming back to school. Everything has changed. In the last few weeks before school started every few days protocols and expectations were changing. The teachers were excited to see the students.

-Communication with the families and school is so important and has been strongly emphasized as the school year is different this year. This has been demonstrated by the teachers calling each student family prior to school to let the student know whom their teacher for the year would be. It is crucial for the lines of communication to stay open between home and school.

Communication will occur through email, phone and the google classroom. The goal is to limit touch contact. The goal is to also use the google classroom as a form of communication.

Mr. Walker started publishing the Brant Monday Communication. This will occur weekly. It will be posted on the school website and emailed to parents. The school is also doing Robo calls.

-The school start up with smooth. The students have all adjusted well to the new school routines. There are zones in the school's backyard. Each class is getting used to playing in their specific zone. It was the goal for students to get used to playing in their specific zone. The goal is

to rotate zones. There are protocols for going in and out of the school. Initially there were no indoor shoes needed for school, however now you can provide indoor shoes as the weather changes. The rules are evolving.

-Lost and Found- there is a limit in the items that are brought to school. With all the protocols in place it is more challenging to lose items. There is a rapid return of items to students.

-There are scheduled bathroom breaks for each class.

-The staff room has been converted into the isolation room. This has been an adjustment for the students and the staff. Students use the isolation room when they are feeling sick or have a covid 19 symptom. They stay in the isolation room until a parent or guardian can pick the student up from school.

-The staff space is now in the learning commons (library).

-If a student is late the parent or guardian must call the school and wait outside. A staff will come outside to bring the student inside the school.

This school year there will not be any EQAO or CAP testing for the Grade 3's

--There will be a virtual open house, mid-October. The date is to be announced. This will be an opportunity to get to know the teachers.

-Covid 19- more testing is occurring. The daily covid 19 screening at home is so important. There has been a campaign and public service announcements about staying healthy. For example- hand hygiene and sneeze into the mask and into the elbow.

-The school has learned so many things from the Covid 19 protocols. Some of these protocols will be incorporated into teaching practice and will remain in place after covid 19. For example, the flow of traffic in the hallways and markings on the floor.

-Staff Changes- Brant has grown!! The staffing is occurring on different layers. There are nine classes, however in totality they have twelve. We are hiring new staff. There is a new kindergarten classroom.

Meghan Hastler- remote teacher for Brant

Jessica Summerville- remote teacher for Brant

-Shift in ECE- Susanne Cooper moved to a different school. Tina Lee Taylor starts September 30.

-There will be a virtual graduation for the 2020-2021 class.

-Remote learning is occurring on a separate platform.

-Brant Spirit Wear- ACTION- Krista McGregor will follow up with Jay to see if the school is able to make a spirit wear order this term.

-Technology is shared within the classroom. The key is to success and sharing Chromebooks is good hand hygiene. Many of the Brant Remote Learners are using the schools Chromebook. Chromebooks are back ordered, and they are hard to come by right now. The technology refresh occurs in October. The school will most likely receive the Chromebooks in November.

-Teachers are maximizing outdoor learning. They are using bins with white boards and other items. Students are learning physical distancing games.

-The school greeter is facilitating the food program this year. Bins are used and packaged foods are provided to the students. There will be no pizza or milk program this school year.

3. Financial Report

There is no fundraising this year. This changes the whole process of parent council.

4. Principal's Report

Krista McGregor and Janice Seney secretary and Minutes

As there will be limited opportunities for Parent Council to meet the scheduled meetings are to be determined.

Action:

Krista McGregor follow up regarding Spirit Wear

Gerard Walker follow up with the financial report.