

Markville School Council Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020

AGENDA

Welcome and Overview of meeting	Co-Chairs - Naline and Amanda
Guidance Update	Jesse Bramer
Learning & Caring Plan online survey	Patricia, Kathy and Mike
2020/2021 Timetable Update	Mike Vlachopoulos
OSSLT	Kathy McAlpine
Retrieval of Personal Belongings	Kathy
Cancellation of Events/Reimbursements	Kathy, Mike and Patricia
Returning to School Plan	Patricia Obadia

Guidance update:

- Continued guidance support – helping with post-secondary decisions... June 1st was deadline for making choices
- Summer school: close to 400 students have enrolled in summer school, mostly online. YRDSB now offering most courses remotely. eLearning will be asynchronous. Face to face learning will be more synchronous based learning
 - Last day for summer school registration? Response: depending on space available enrollment may be open up until just before program starts
- Timetable is a little delayed – will deal with scheduling conflicts with students who aren't able to get all courses that they selected in February
- Co-Op placements? **Response:** uncertain about what co-op will look like in the fall – will depend on community partners and whether or not they will be allowed to have students in their workplaces. School is continuing on assumption that co-op will continue. May have to adjust depending on direction from board and community partners

Learning & Caring Plan

- There is a mixture of asynchronous and synchronous learning. Some teachers have set specific times of the day for live face to face learning, all teachers have identified an office hour when they are available for live support. Some use [JamBoard](#) from Google where teachers and students can collaborate.
- Teachers are experimenting with dividing students into “group rooms” and then teacher can jump from “room” to “room”
- Type of learning depends on the subject, the teacher, and the student. Most students are already familiar with most of the platforms since MSS was already a 1-to-1 school
- Principal & VP's meet daily using Google Meet technology
- Situation has been the catalyst for students and faculty learning how to use other/new technologies

- eLearning: 3 hours/course per week was set by the Ministry -> each student completes assignments at a different pace and therefore this is less for some, and more for others
- Online Learning Survey from the Board:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOZAlYCSHy3a2FeevK4BJrZvennwMMPDMM1PSgRpgAAbhTg/viewform>
- Not a long survey, and does capture many of the comments made by parents in prep for school council meeting. Most of the survey is by choice – encourage that you complete as much as possible to ensure learning needs for the Fall and go-forward are incorporating your feedback

End of the Year Plan:

- No final exams: all exam dates are now instructional dates, meaning that instruction could continue up to and including June 24th
 - Some courses may have 100% coursework count as their mark. Some may have a culminating activity
- Final marks: a lot will come from the data being collected from teachers (some professional judgement will be applied). Mechanics about marks/report cards still being determined
- **Per direction from the Ontario Ministry of Education: Student marks will not drop below mark that was in place as of March 13, 2020.** Teachers continue to provide students with opportunities to develop skills, learn content and complete evaluation activities

Timetabling Update:

- Working on timetable for 2020/2021 school year. Proceeding under assumption that we will be back to school as normal. Timetable process is later than normal. Anticipating just under 1300 students for the Fall. Will be a little tight – students may be contacted by the school to deal with any conflicts. Timetable must be completed by June 8, 2020 -> then turned over to Guidance to resolve conflicts
- Will share if anything changes

OSSLT

- Was scheduled for March 31 – cancelled. A few of the Grade 12 students had not attempted the OSSLT – Ministry of Education has identified that this will not impact their graduation
- No information on a revised format for next year. Tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2021

Retrieval of Student Items

- School board in consultation with public health is working on a plan to retrieve items and return school items. Will be before end of June. Will be very clear protocol – you will sign up for a pickup using Edsby

- Will let parents know once plan has been finalized. Expect it to be spread out over a few days to ensure distancing
- Items in lockers are secure and nothing will be disposed of over the summer. Everything left in lockers will still be there in the Fall if families are unable to take advantage of retrieval days

Cancellation of Events:

- Grade 12 graduation ***postponed to the Fall***. No date identified yet. Ministry has confirmed that there will be a graduation in the Fall. No reimbursements made since postponed to the Fall. If son/daughter will not participate in Fall Graduation then email MSS (Patricia, Kathy, Michael) for reimbursement (Some students may choose to keep cap & gown; reimbursement will be adjusted accordingly)
- Prom/Banquets: Cancelled by the Board– not allowed any gatherings of > 5 people per Government guidelines. No payments had been made for these events
- Yearbook: until 2020 Yearbook was a course – enrollment was too low this year so offered Yearbook as a club. Patricia & Michael volunteered to supervise, and use Herf Jones publisher. 2 lead students led the club and worked with the publisher – many meetings had happened but once COVID-19 hit meetings moved to online environment and students are adjusting to new situation. Club participation fell and after a few low/no-show meetings the unfortunate decision had to be made to cancel the yearbook. Mike and Patricia kept going and meeting with publisher until they realized that they could not complete without student help. This is not a faculty activity – they are there to guide, but if students want a Yearbook, they need to Create/Drive the Yearbook. Staff volunteers were transparent from the beginning that they would supervise only as they did not have the expertise to actually be able to create a yearbook. Email received from 3 Grade 12 students who are very disappointed – and they are discussing doing a mini yearbook to represent the graduating class. Detailed Project Plan to be presented to Patricia and Michael by the students

Return to School Plan:

- No information available at this time
- Working based on direction received from Ministry and the Board.
- All activities are being planned assuming normal return to school
- Will share once information becomes available

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