



PINE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 23th, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Brad Digweed, Kristin Theriault, Carolyn Dowds, Lori Gava, Margo Halfyard, Laura Keeping, Lisa Quiquero, April Taylor, Amy McDonnell, Jessica Federkow, Alison Jennings-Willan, Brittany McDonald, Dmitri, Heather Duncan, Erin Wilmering, Jennie Neff, Lisa Purnell, Nicole Simioni, Rylee Kurzawski, Star Sanders, Tanya Belanger and Erin Wiens

Minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting were approved by Jessica Federkow and seconded by Alison Jennings-Willan.

❖ **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Brad said that he is very happy with how many parents are participating online. Thank you to all the previous student teachers for their hard work. New student teachers have/will be shortly starting.

- Marissa (2 Quiquero)
- Nicole (4/5 Whitesell)
- Rylee (7/8 Pomeroy)
- Julian (3 Dowds)
- Erin (6 Leighton)
- Candice (1 Halfyard)
- Holly - student EA (KG-1)


TRANSITION FROM ONLINE TO IN SCHOOL

- The transition from online/virtual to in person learning went very well.
- We currently have 381 students connected to 17 classes and the DSBN Virtual School.
 - 328 at Pine Grove
 - 12 Extended Online (will return within the next few weeks)
 - 41 DSBN Virtual
- If any of the 41 Virtual students decides to return prior to the end of the school year they would be placed in a class if there is room.
- Lisa Purnell asked if someone wanted to return could they be denied from coming back? After April 19th, Brad said that if there is not enough room in the grade that they are in to keep our students the safest possible then they may be denied re-entry.

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NEW COVID SCREENING CRITERIA

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- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose or stuffy/congestion
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue, extreme tiredness or muscle aches

- If a child at school presents any symptoms the school has to assume that it is COVID (e.g., If a child comes to school and they tell the teacher they have a headache, the teacher needs to notify the office. Brad or Kristen will come to the classroom to get the child and do a quick assessment). Parent(s) will then be notified to come and pick up student and should follow instructions on next picture.

They must self-isolate at home immediately and either:

Contact their health care provider for a medical assessment

OR

Contact the Niagara Health COVID-19 Assessment Centre to book an appointment for testing, this can be done [on-line](#) or by calling Niagara Health at 905-378-4647 ext. 42819

TESTING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

A health care provider has told you that a test for COVID-19 is not needed.

OR

The child had a test that was negative for COVID-19. They may go back to school/childcare 24 hours after fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, and headache have all gone away without use of fever reducing medications AND any other symptoms are improving.

OR

If your child is not assessed by a health care provider, and testing for COVID-19 was declined for any reason, we must assume the child has COVID-19 and the child is to self-isolate for 10 days (away from household members) AND all household contacts are to stay home and self-isolate for 14 days.

Note: Ten days after symptoms start, children can return to school/childcare as long as they don't have a fever (without use of fever reducing medication) and they are feeling better.

OR

A health care provider has told you that the symptom(s) are related to a chronic or pre-existing condition (e.g., allergies, post-nasal drip, migraines, asthma). In this case, your child can return to school/childcare once they feel well enough, without waiting for symptoms to go away.

SIBLINGS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS LIVING WITH A SYMPTOMATIC CHILD

If a test is recommended by a health care provider for the symptomatic child, or a decision is made to get testing at an assessment centre, all household members are to self-isolate, until the test results are back. If the test is negative, household members can leave self-isolation.

If testing for COVID-19 is declined for any reason, your child and your entire household must stay home and self-isolate. The child is to self-isolate for 10 days (away from household members, when possible) and all household contacts are to stay home and self-isolate for 14 days.

NOTE: If self-isolation away from household members is not possible, household members are to remain in self-isolation for 14 days from last exposure to the symptomatic child. If household members become symptomatic, they should consult their health care provider and/or go for testing.

If the test is positive, household members must stay in self-isolation and will receive further direction from Public Health.

- April asked if there is any talk of rapid testing being done by the Board? Brad said that he was last advised that it is not going to be done unless there is a cluster of cases in a school.
- Margo asked that if a parent declines testing is the rest of the classroom classified as close contacts? Brad said that the remainder of the class is not classified as close contacts but if a student did test positive there are protocols in place in that class and all students would be notified.
- Dimitri asked what is the protocol if a student does test positive? Brad said that Public Health contacts the Board and then Brad. PH comes into the school and would advise what the classroom needs to do. PH directs the school through the

entire process. Each case is slightly different - sometimes a whole class could be shut down, maybe only students that sat around the student are sent home.

DSBN CENSUS SURVEY

Why a Student Census

In alignment with Ontario's Education Equity Plan, the purpose of the student census survey is to better understand our students' identities as well as their experiences inside and outside of school.

The results will be used to inform board and school improvement planning to:

- Identify, eliminate, and respond to systemic barriers to student success,
- Create more equitable and inclusive school environments, and,
- Further support student achievement and well-being in targeted and intentional ways.



HOW will Census be Completed?



- Web-based online survey using secure student DSBN account (multiple platforms: chromebooks, computers, phones, etc.)
- Link will be sent to students/families or link to the portal
- Multi-languages will be available based on our DSBN Welcome Centre data
- Support for students with Special Education needs will need to be considered
- Tech support will be available during the grade 7/8 survey time
- Paper copies will be an option - details to follow

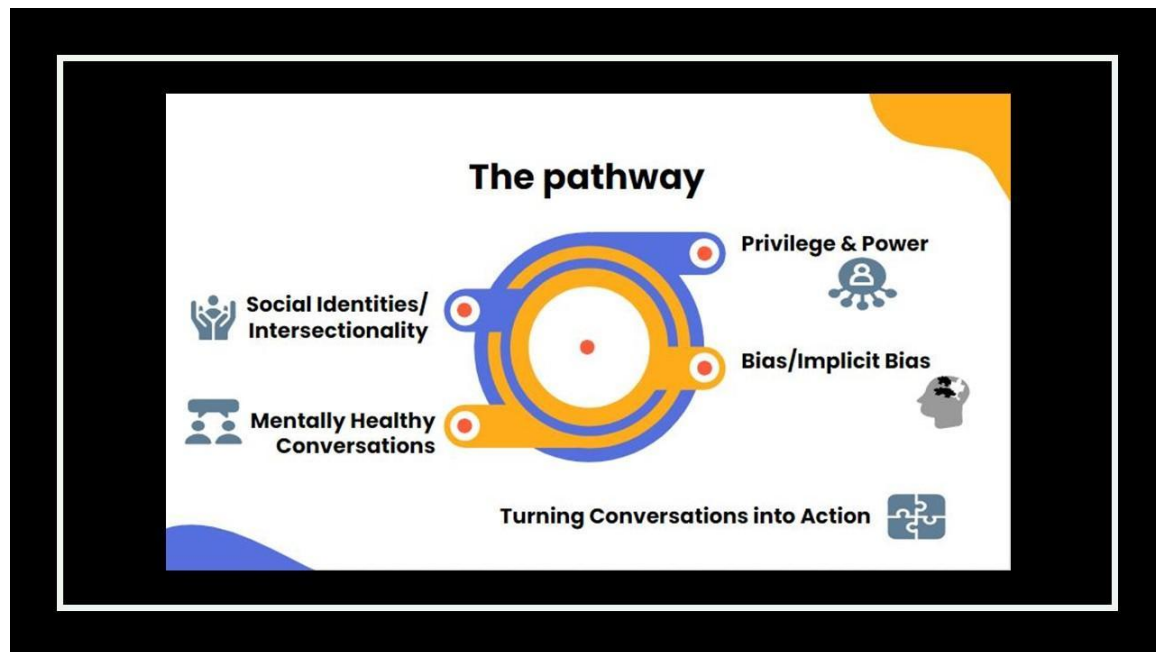
Timelines

- Grades 7 to 12 survey completion: March 22nd to April 1st.
- Grades K to 6 survey completion: April 6th to 30th.
- Initial Results: Infographic e.g., Census Participation Rates etc. late spring/early fall 2021
- Final Report: 2021-2022



EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- We need to understand who we are in order to understand others.
- One of the ways that we can do this is to follow the below Pathway:



- Brad advised that today the staff watched a video about how to have mentally healthy conversations.
- There is a board advisory committee for Equity and Inclusion.
- Pine Grove is in the process of having a sub-committee that will meet monthly to continue with the plan for our individual school.

OTHER SCHOOL UPDATES

- Quotes of the day during announcements are going to start to showcase the diversity of the school.
- Our school will not only be observing the traditional holidays like Christmas and Easter but will also be acknowledging the Lunar New Year, Ramadan and Ede.
- If any family would like to participate in these events by sharing your customs and traditions with your child(ren) class(es) please contact the school.
- Twitter is going to be relaunched and will be mainly handed by Mrs. Dearborn. If you do not follow the school, you can follow us @PineGrovePS

BUDGET

- No updates.

SOCIAL EVENT

- Staff did an online Trivia Night. Each family was a team. Staff said they had a great time.
- Brad wondered if we thought that there might be interest in this if we extended to the school body. Maybe charge a nominal fee to register and participate. A few members said they would, and we should discuss at a later date once everything calms down since we have just returned to in person learning.

QUESTIONS

- NONE

Next Meeting has been scheduled for March 30, 2021 at 6:30p.m. via Microsoft Teams.