

PINE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 9, 2021



ATTENDEES:

Brad Digweed, Kristen Theriault, Lisa Quiquero, Margo Halfyard, Laura Keeping, Lori Gava, April Taylor, Amy McDonnell, Alison Jennings-Willan, Brittany McDonald, Dimitri Rassadkine, Heather Duncan, Jennie Neff, Tanya Belanger and Star Sanders

April welcomed everyone to our final School Council meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. Minutes of the May 11th, 2021 meeting were approved by Heather and seconded by Alison.

❖ **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Brad started off by thanking everyone for coming to the last meeting.

RETIRING TEACHER

- Judith Delahunt will be retiring at the end of the school year. Judith has been a long-time teacher at our school, and we wish her well as she moves into retirement.
- Some of her past students in the primary grades have been/will be asked to make Happy Retirement cards for her.

NEW TEACHERS

- Suzie Montgomery has been hired as our new Kindergarten teacher. She is replacing the LTO position that was created when Ms. Penlington became an instructional coach.
- Rikki DaCosta has been hired as our new Grade 6 teacher. She will be on maternity leave for the 2021-2022 school year but will return for the 2022-2023 school year. For the 2021-2022 school year and LTO will be hired at the end of the summer.
- An LTO for the Grade 4/5 class will be posted by the end of the June with hiring taking place late summer.

CLASS ORGANIZATION (very early draft)

- Kindergarten will have 3 classes (Sara Dyck, Sue DiTeodoro and Suzie Montgomery) with at least 2 DECEs
- Grade 1 – Margo Halfyard and New Contract Teacher (replacing Delahunt)
- Grade 2 – Lisa Quiquero and Liz Meleski
- Grade 2/3 – Carolyn Dowds
- Grade 3 – Wendy Snider (portable)
- Grade 3/4 – Shelly Whitesell
- Grade 4/5 – New LTO
- Grade 5 – Caroline McCrimmon and Ferretti (co-teaching each half time)
- Grade 6 – Dave Leighton and LTO for Ricki DiCosta
- Grade 7/8 – Laura Keeping, Ben Pomeroy and Carolyn McNarry
- Primary Rotary – Amanda Dorion
- Junior Rotary/French – Janice Janzen

- French – Gillian Buck
- LRT – Lori Gava
- Principal – Brad Digweed
- Vice-Principal – Carolyn Jonovich

REPORT CARDS/RETRIEVAL OF ITEMS

- Term 2 report cards will be prepared and given to the students when they pick up their items from school.
- There are many different situations that need to be considered while doing report cards as there are many ways that the children are learning and how each family has been set up during this difficult time.
- This year the students will actually get to say goodbye to their classmates and their teachers.
- June 25, June 28 and June 29 are set aside for retrieval of items, report cards and goodbyes. The date and time will be set by grade and will be provided to students and parents closer to the time via a letter from your teachers. Most times will be on the 28th.
- Everyone will be outdoors and will have to wear a mask to make sure that everyone is safe. Brad advised that no one should be congregating with friends after their pickup time or playing on the playground as there will be other classes showing up throughout the day.

GRADUATION

- Will have to be outside but we will be able to have one. There will not be an inside portion like last year as the school will still be closed.
- Families will each have approximately 6 minutes to walk the red carpet, receive diploma and speak with their teachers.
- Brad and the teachers are going to try to provide a personalized experience for each student. Each student will be allowed to have 4 family members with them as the maximum grouping allowed right now is 10.
- A video will be prepared by Mr. Pomeroy much like last years and be sent to all the students.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

- There will be an assembly type video sent out tomorrow which will be about 20 minutes long that will highlight some of the activities that the teachers have been able to do virtually with their classes.
- There will also be one sent out on June 29th which will be a virtual talent show. All classes/students will be given the opportunity to submit videos of their talent to either their homeroom teacher or their rotary teacher for submission to the video.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE/KINDERGARTEN GRAD

- There will be a virtual open house available. There will be three options. An AM, PM and after school time. This will include all JKs coming to school for the first

time along with any new SKs that did virtual school or chose not to do JK due to the virtual aspect of school this year.

- Kindergarten Grad will also be virtual. It will feature Pictures, Collages and Videos from their year. Each class will do their own, but the format will be similar and put all into one video.

QUESTIONS

- None

The meeting was concluded by April wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

Next Meeting will be scheduled during the last week in September. Notice will be put out once school has resumed and everyone has settled in.