



**Ecole John W. McLeod / Fleming Tower School
School Advisory Counsel
Meeting**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm (Virtual)

Attending: Denise Jarvis (Vice-Principal), Ben Pryde (Parent Rep, Secretary), Lisa Bennett (Teacher Rep), Emily Thompson (Teacher Rep), Emily Quigley (Principal), Dawn Maskine (Community Rep), Shannon MacDonald (Community Rep) and Jenny Nodelman (Parent Rep)

Absent: Bekah Townsend (Parent Rep, Chair)

1. Call to Order, Welcome

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 27th Meeting

- a. To be conducted via email.

3. Principal's Report – Emily Quigley

Pandemic Planning:

Move to Home learning for one week– format remains the same as last spring.

For students in primary to grade 3, there will be 2 hours of schoolwork daily, with one hour of that time online.

For students in grades 4 to 6, there will be about 3 hours of school work daily, with up to 1.5 hours of that time online either individually, in small groups or as a class.

As of today:

-HEPA filtration systems are installed in all classrooms at FT (passive ventilation system)

-3-ply masks have been supplied to all staff and students; staff will be offered 3-ply medical masks if they choose

-learning centre at FT has been open for students who access programming through these Centres

-enhanced public health measures will remain in schools following a return to in-person learning

When we return to school on January 17 our proposed measures/plan:

Our goal is to minimize contact between groups. The routines below will need to be discussed with students and practiced repeatedly.

- Students should be sanitizing their hands as they enter and exit any learning spaces. If allergic- washing hands frequently.
- Once in class students should face the front when possible.

- If classrooms have desks- separate and face the front
- Hallways need to be clear. Boots/shoes under coats and pants which are hung up.
- Classes are to stay on the right at all time, single file. At JWM stairwells can be both up and down but traffic is always on the right.
- Classes are not mixing for any reason.

Entrances and Exits:

- **JWM and FT- in morning as busses and walkers arrive** students should come directly into the entrances of both schools and go to their classrooms. Duty teachers will circulate. Portable students- 4D to library and 4M to lunch room. Diana and Ashley pick up your class at those locations.
- **Fleming Tower** please continue with regular entrance exit routines in mornings, at recess and lunch.
- **JWM** Students always enter at the front of the school. Students exit at the back of the school. That includes portable students coming into the school.
- **JWM Gym** entrance at the end of the ramp. Exit door is the door closest to your class. Please meet your class there.
- **JWM Music** classes waiting to go into music should line up in front of the office which will allow classes exiting the music room space on the stairwell.

Other School wide news:

Staffing changes

Paula Hartigan our English resource teachers is retiring- Feb 1- Debbie Ratchford will fill the resource position and Maddie MacDougal teaching grade 3

Achilles Huczel physed teacher retired in December- Jason Ludlow will be filling this position.

Jessica Sheldon pregnancy leave- Tracy MacDonald is in the office now

Christine McKeough on maternity leave and Sandi Champion (grade 1/2 teacher) has moved to the LC and Rachel Crawley will teach in the grade 1/2 class

Holiday Concert Virtual

Was beautiful. We had to quickly shift to cohorts only on stage. It took the whole day to film but it was finished just as the bell rung!

4. Community Report

- a. Nothing specific to report.

5. Teacher Report

- a. Great performance by students thus far in online learning. Lisa mentioned that she had had perfect attendance in her primary class and Emily T. gave an example of the students being flexible and accommodating with technology issues.

6. Parent Report

- a. Dawn thanked teachers and school for their efforts in online learning.
- b. Question was asked about why the school wasn't listed as an exposure site prior to Christmas (parents were aware of positive case(s) within the school). Response from Emily is that she never heard from Public Health and was instructed not to make any

announcements without direction from Public Health. The positive case(s) occurred right before Christmas break and there was going to be more than 7 days between the exposure and the time that the kids were going back so no announcement was made and the school was never listed as an exposure site.

7. New Business:

- a. Spending SAC funds: Emily Q. suggests: (i) Small group reading tables for each classroom; or (ii) Hiring subs to allow regular classroom teachers to have time to collaborate during school hours (challenging this year due to shortage of subs, COVID etc.). SAC favoured the reading tables and Emily was going to get pricing and the number of tables needed and present it to SAC at the next meeting. Ben suggested favouring suppliers with Black or Indigenous ownership or craftsmanship if possible.

8. Date for Next Meeting:

- a. February 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.