**SCC via ZOOM Wed Sept 16, 2020**

**7:00-8:15PM**

ATTENDEES:

Vicky Pidgeon (Principal)

Andrew Lue (VP)

Dan Amenta (teacher rep)

Karyne Whalen (staff rep)

Tracey Mattes (co-chair)

Elizabeth Weldon

Howard Umrah

Colleen Alleyne-Umrah

Margaret Ogunkoya

Margaret Kiprenko

Tina Jaegar

Tanja Cleland

Cheryl Rock (as of 8:08PM) (VP)

Regrets: Lindell Cummings (co-chair), Nikki McKenzie

**Introductions**

SCC positions

* Discussion and vote at next meeting so people have a chance to consider their options

Current Processes

* Entrances – doors open 9:45AM, street level Commons door (entrance beside daycare) is the busiest entrance and has the most congestion, after 10:20AM required to enter through front doors
* Mandatory online in period/block 3 daily (unlike March to June where it was more optional)
* Period 4 @ 2:45PM to 4PM is for extra help, all subjects have a teacher available at that time; may or may not be your child’s teacher

Health & Safety

* Tracking washroom, office and guidance visits for tracing
* 1 person/washroom at a time but have noticed fewer visits to washrooms by students
* Hand sanitizers at entrances to school and in classrooms
* Any visitor must have permission to be at the school (eg. Trades) and sign in at the office for contact tracing.

Grad

- previous plan for 2 hr mini prom right after grad won’t be happening given Public Health guidelines re: COVID

- schools to put their heads together to suggest how might be able to recognize grads of 2020 (drive by OR online ceremony are possible options though with the population of Sinclair, a drive by would be too long)

Caps and gowns

* if purchased and wish to keep, can. If wish a refund, contact the school.

Gr 9

* planning for a virtual assembly in period 4 next week

Clubs: (current)

* DECA- virtual; email kristie.lee@ddsb.ca or check out DECA Sinclair I/G
* Student Parliament – looking for grade reps; students to listen for announcements or Student Parliament I/G; SinclairSS; first info meeting today at 4:00 pm!!
* Ambassadors- running; contact michele.vinentthomas@ddsb.ca
* Sports- on hold
* Good news!! Virtual SLC is coming in May!! All students can attend. Not limited to size because of cabins; the cabin will be in their own home! Lol.

Staffing

* 7 staff retired at end of 2019-2020 school year (includes R. Curtis, Head of Phys Ed; L. Whitmarsh, Phys Ed. ; L. Vanelst, Head of Guidance, B. Lake, math/law, S. Murphy, math; C. Dawson, drama; C. Jovanovic, tech and Co-op).
* Reduced enrolment due to number of students who selected Virtual School; 2 staff displaced due to COVID; decision by seniority (D. Simonelli, business; S. Keoghan, construction)
* fall 2020 (E. Ruth, different school; D. Smith, retirement AUTO)

Yearbooks

* Will be distributed to students who ordered and currently attending in person
* Those who have graduated or are currently virtual: Mr Payne will set up a table Fri afternoon 12:30-4PM for pick up at main doors facing west (stores).

Outdoor pursuits

* Unable to use busses creating challenges
* Looking at ponds within walking distance for canoes
* No overnight permitted
* Challenge offering swim test
* Offered Quad #1 only this year; to be offered again next year.

Platform being used in class

* Google Classroom, Google Meets, D2L

Masks

* Staff must wear masks and have option of adding shield (provided to staff)
* Students have options of surgical mask or homemade, but must cover properly; not allowed: pull ups or bandanas. A mask will be provided by school if student arrives without one.

Breaks

* Students offered 10-15 min break in morning approximately half way through the double class
* Students to go out as a group, can remove mask but remain at least 2m apart.
* Email admin staff if teacher not offering break

10:00AM start

* Some staff liking it for own childcare needs
* Students liking it
* May present a challenge with clubs/sports running late if class time were to stay as a late start and activities were to start up again; though clubs/sports could be run before class

Quadmester

* What is student feedback? Students seem to like it.
* Will not be moving students, no timetable changes first Quad.

Staff input:

* Mr. Amenta: kids appreciate being back at school, good at maintaining distance; staff miss extra curriculars too
* Ms. Whalen things running smoothly in classes and in virtual A. R.

Outstanding

* Marks, reporting plan
* Parent teacher interviews

AP/IB courses

* Who offers them? To be explored
* Where can one find out? To be explored

EQAO:

* No dates established for OSSLT
* Looking at doing OSSLT virtually though challenges in past with virtual attempt will need to be overcome
* Grade 9 math EQAO can take place in class

SLC

* No planning yet; unlikely at this time as no bussing, taxis or trips allowed.

Volunteer Hours

* Look in own neighbourhood (raking leaves, shovelling snow for seniors?)
* Check with guidance for suggestions

Co-op

* Still being offered; H&S protocols at school and the workplace must be adhered to.

Request for clubs that are currently running and an update when sports etc. return.

 Future Meeting Dates (will be virtual)

* Oct 14/20
* Nov 18/20
* Jan 13/21
* Feb 17/21
* Apr 14/21
* May 19/21

Continue to look at the RETURN TO SCHOOL page on our website for updates.

\*Note: We will need to vote for a Chair at our next meeting. Tracey Mattes has done the job for 4 years and she can give you an idea of what her responsibilities are.