

SAC Meeting Minutes
Monday September 21, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Eric Risen
Heather Halnan
Andrew Hillier
Cathy Meles
Talya Postan-Feldberg
Farhan Haji
Valerie Trifler
Janice Passmore
Jackie Chan
Jennifer Moad
Leanne Oosterveld
Chris Davenport
Paul Drekolias
Kelly Dell Apa
Unah Grieve
Sarah Kussner
Peter Boross-Hamer
Jeffrey Roberts
Caryn Podbere

General Update

-Positions at SAC are planned to remain consistent with 2019 school year for the 2020 year.
Some positions remain available and parents are encouraged to join these positions.

Principal Report

- Things have progressed smoother than expected but some issues arose.
- Enrollment/Reorganization:
 - John Wanless has 4th highest enrollment with 94% return in school
 - Staffing projections given in March 2019, where staffing was maximized. However, in light of virtual option/Covid situation staffing was reduced and space use was clarified.
 - Only split now is 1/2; junior classes remain at aprx. 26-27, primary 18-20, KG at 21
 - Virtual education has been delayed as it has to start at the same time for all schools and there have been a lot of changes in enrollment as of late.
 - Virtual learning enrollment can happen until Oct 13, 2020 and staffing might change to fulfill need.
 - Aprx 60 tech devices taken, but JW currently has enough portable tech for students (wifi strength continues to be challenge; many students brought their own and this might present some challenges with bandwidth)

- No further tech will be taken from JW
- IT help desk link sent in previous email (will be resent) to assist with tech issues.

Covid + :

- Each child to have access to online resources when unable to attend school (for COVID+ or otherwise). This is not going to be like typical virtual learning expectations, just supplemental for short periods.
- If child has symptoms, with a – neg test result, they can return 24 hrs after symptoms; no test = requires 2 weeks off school.
- For more information on COVID + situations (staffing, students) please read link sent in email.
- Cohort overlap between siblings and childcare has been unavoidable. Ensuring vasic safety measures is the best option at this time to minimize risk.
- JW may have less sanitizer/paper towels because our numbers are higher; so far the board has been very delayed in providing additional resources to accommodate our numbers. Provision of plexi glass is basically non existent. Most children have been provided their own sanitizer and this is continued to be recommended and appreciated.
- For pending test results, school will not be notified. Only notified of positive test results. If a positive case is identified, very strong procedures are in place to react in a timely manner.

-Spacing:

- Social distancing in classrooms, despite best intentions, is virtually impossible; 2-3 feet max distance in most classroom (classrooms are small, numbers of student are high etc).
- Managed to free up music room and some other classrooms (no furniture, windows open) for break out times; gyms are also being used for extra space.
- Libraries, meeting rooms etc have become storage essentially.
- Classes are outside frequently, outside space being used/maximized
- SAC are not allowed to provide additional funding for safety measures.

Crossing Guards:

- Crossing guards unable to use the usual room they have used in JW. They can use washroom, for warmth, but there is no safe room for them at this time.

-Lunch Room Supervision:

- Strong concerns from parents re: supervision during lunch.
- Lunch supervision has been an issue even pre-Covid; very hard to fill these positions.
- 10 total previously; 1 supervisor for every 99 students
- JW now has an total approved of 11 but hiring is very challenging and has not been achieved.
- At present, Peter and Ms. Lio to walk halls while children are provided with films to occupy etc.
- Childcare staff are unable to work as lunchroom supervisors at time; discussion to Continue to see if this is a potential solution.

-Inclement weather:

- No outside structures (tents etc) are allowed to be put in place.

-Late admission

- If late and in Cohort 1, child has time/can enter with cohort 2.

- If later than cohort 2 entrance:

- Buzz office, Peter will have to come to door, will check health form and bring student to class.
- Early pick up: email principal and teacher to send student to Fairlawn entrance
- Ideally keep child home for morning for appts/don't send back after early aft appts etc.

Congestion drop off/pick up:

- Greatly improved; time wise entrance/exit JW is doing very well.
- Mr. Sherman/Murray might change to different exit in inclement weather.

-Sac purchased wireless headphones/amplifier/microphone to improve communication when wearing masks and have been well received thus far.

Budget – Andrew H.

-35k in account

- o 6.5k spent on headphones
- o Ideally SAC likes to keep 10k as buffer
- o Administration costs aside, left with aprx 18K.
- o Would to continue to provide teachers with their usual stipend (500/yr); as of now SAC has provided 250\$ to teachers (total10k) and depending on how year plays out another 250\$ to be provided Jan, 2021 (another 10k).
- o This will leave the SAC will an extremely low amount of funding. Some fundraising to be considered if year progresses well (Mabels labels fundraising already initiated)

Extra Curriculars/after 4 (Jackie Chan)

-None planned due to Covid Restrictions

Curriculum Support – Janice Passmore

- Open to parent and teacher ideas
- To look into speaker series (zoom friendly)

School Support – position open

Child Care

- 16 staff in past and all returned.
- 213 spots pre-covid; now can run only at 60% capacity.
- 4 spots left in both age groups that can still be filled.

Fundraising – Jen Moad

- Mabel Labels – 236\$ raised thus far
- Possible Gym Wear sales to be considered

School Support- Cathy Meles and Caryn Podbere

- Lice checks, clothing drives etc are not planned at this time.
- Options that remain : breakfast clubs support (food/academic drive), sister school support

Music

- New/creative ideas to be looked at to integrate music into curriculums.

Class Parents- Erin Smith

- All in place except several teachers and requests will be sent out again shortly for those classes.