

Bjorkdale School Community Council
Minutes from June 23, 2020

Members Present (via video chat): Sherry Fredsberg, Jill Szeliga, Geoff Goldsworthy, Ashley Babcock, Mark van Haastert.

Business arising from the minutes:

1. n/a

New Business:

1. n/a

Geoff gave the Principal's report as follows:

1. Provincial guidelines for back to school include the following:
 - a. Our small school size will be a benefit and we will not have to create many separate "bubbles". The Flexible Learning model will continue.
 - b. There will be "no touch" work submissions (electronic).
 - c. Our staff is discussing splitting the lunchroom into 2 groups.
 - d. The school will buy all school supplies.
 - e. There will be a limit on the items that are allowed in and out of the building.
 - f. There is a mandate for online courses to be developed.
 - g. Anyone going out of country will require a 14 day quarantine. For any teacher going out of country, the quarantine period is unpaid.
2. Kindergarten will focus on enquiry-based learning as opposed to play-based learning (some of the toys will be put away).
3. Teachers are being trained in trauma-based monitoring.
4. School will provide a less harsh soap to encourage hand washing.
5. There will not be a milk program or communal fruit, or any group meals provided by the school.
6. Online learning made it very apparent how important relationships are with the students.
7. Unknown yet if the traveling specialists (speech, counselor) will be in-person or virtual.
8. The staffing levels for 2020-2021 will remain the same.

SRC Report:

1. n/a

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be in September.