

Bjorkdale School Community Council
Minutes from September 3, 2020

Members Present (via video chat): Sherry Fredsberg, Jill Szeliga, Geoff Goldsworthy, Ashley Babcock, Chassity Tsapraillis, Penny Mohr.

Business arising from the minutes:

1. n/a

New Business:

1. n/a

Geoff gave the Principal's report as follows:

1. The new "COVID rules" for the school are as follows:
 - a. The elementary end is one "bubble", the high school end is one "bubble".
 - b. The grade 3-4 class will still have different teachers to accommodate staffing.
 - c. There will be extra space between students in the computer lab, and log in data can be accessed for contact tracing purposes, if required.
 - d. Hooks were added to the front entrance of the school for the K-1-2 class to store their outside gear.
 - e. Only teachers will have access to the gym equipment room to ensure that items are properly sanitized.
 - f. Sherry put together packages of school supplies for all the students and will distribute them.
 - g. A custodian will be at the school all day to ensure proper cleaning.
 - h. There are many new rules for sanitizing areas and items, but students will not be the ones disinfecting.
 - i. School books will not be sent home.
 - j. Non-school groups will not be able to use the school facilities (no art classes, karate, etc.)
 - k. There will be no supervision before 8:45am, so students should not be at the school prior to that time.
 - l. Geoff and Sherry must take the Food Safe course.
 - m. The staff have access to full PPE.
 - n. Staff members are not allowed to drive students to extracurricular activities, when they resume.
 - o. All SCC meetings will be virtual.
2. The focus will be on "trauma-based learning"—mental health, relationship building, etc. The moto is "calm begets calm".
3. There is a shift of focus from time spent on an educational outcome to pre-assessment tools, testing outcomes and moving on when the outcomes are met.
4. There are 3 new students enrolled for the year.

SRC Report:

1. n/a

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