

# Grant Park High School PACC Agenda

October 19, 2021 – 7:15 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

## Regular reports – Administration

### a) Principal

- **Testing Clinic** - To ensure the safety of our school community, WSD staff have an obligation to follow the direction of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer and the Minister of Education. This direction, which was published in [The Public Health Act orders on September 24, 2021](#) comes into effect on October 18, 2021. The direction requires that all staff provide either proof of full vaccination or proof of a negative test, completed within the past 48 hours (tests are done three times a week). Each week, a neutral third party must observe one of the tests.

WSD has hired a contract health care service to complete the observed once weekly test. Two locations in the division, Grant Park High School and Tec Voc High School, have been identified for testing clinics for unvaccinated employees to attend during non-working hours.

The senior gymnasium at these locations were selected because employees coming for testing are not required to walk through the school to attend. The testing clinics will be set up and taken down each day for this purpose, followed by full cleaning and fogging.

Those staff who choose to take weekly testing have the option to provide proof of full vaccination at any time, which would mean they no longer require weekly testing. Significant staff numbers exercising this option will result in decreased volumes at test sites and potential decreases in the number of clinic days and or site locations.

- **Return to School Sports** - The Return to School Sports Guidelines have been developed to ensure all Public Health, Winnipeg School Division, and Provincial Sports Organizations health and safety protocols are in place to support the safe return to school sports for students and staff. The Guidelines have been updated to include additional information in the areas of live streaming and the Health and Safety Supervisor. We will continue to reevaluate and adapt as new information and guidelines become available. The Return to Sports Guidelines have been reviewed with all coaches, managers, and Team Health and Safety Supervisors.

- **WSD Epi-pen Replacement Program** - The extra back-up EpiPens at our school will be expiring at the end of November. Northway Pharmacy will be delivering a replacement either Monday, November 15, 2021 or Monday, November 22, 2021. At this time, they will also pick up and properly dispose the expired EpiPen® through Stericycle.
- **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Virtual Assembly** - On **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** our school community acknowledged the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation by wearing Orange, having a moment of silence, and participating in an online assembly at **1:20 p.m.** The assembly consisted of a short video and a live presentation. Links were provided via email and all of our classes contributed questions or comments, where appropriate. Following the event students and staff were given the opportunity to participate in a smudging ceremony in our school courtyard.
- **Visual and Performing Arts Partnerships** – A husband and wife artist team has contacted the school about collaborating with us by doing outreach with Inuit content. Bob Kussy is an alumnus of Grant Park and Goota Ashoona, was a large part of the new Inuit art exhibit at the WAG. They are both arts educators who have also just finished work with the Yellowknife School Board and have connections with the University of Manitoba's fine arts program. The pair are also connected with the Indigenous Film industry and we have begun discussions about providing student-programming opportunities in these areas. Our Visual and Performing Arts Department has also initiated discussions with École Secondaire Sisler High School to extend the WSD Create Program and explore joint programming in graphic design, motion picture arts and animation.
- **Academic Success Learning Series** – The Academic Learning Series is a continuation of the work School Leaders and School Leadership Teams have journeyed together over the past two years (Collective Efficacy and PLCs). Our School Team includes the Indigenous Academic Achievement Representative accompanied by the Principal, Vice Principals, Guidance Representative and our Indigenous Graduation Coach.

This series will explore the historical experiences and contemporary realities of Indigenous Learning in Canada. Specific topics of study include: Indigenous teaching, learning methodologies and pedagogies, treaty education and its relationships, a political overview of the history of Indigenous Education in Canada, Residential Schools, teaching for inclusion, and teaching for reconciliation. As educators, we hold the unique opportunity to facilitate the renegotiation of relationships between all cultural groups and empower students to join the process of reconciliation in Canada. Over the five learning sessions, school teams will be engaged in a process of visioning how reconciliation might look in the classroom, the role of equitable education, and come

away from the gathering with a continuous improvement action plan on how to implement evidence based strategies in their classrooms.

- **PayPal/ Fundraising Committee** - Grant Park High School is now gratefully accepting donations using PayPal through The Children's Heritage Fund.

[The Children's Heritage Fund](#) is a registered charity that gratefully accepts donations to help enhance the educational experiences of students who attend schools in the Winnipeg School Division. Occasionally school activities require funding over and above what is included in the school budget.

Tax receipts are issued from The Children's Heritage Fund for donations \$10.00 and greater. Grant Park is accepting donations to augment programming in athletics, football, general donations, Middle School experiential learning, performing arts and science education.

- **Post-Secondary Presentations** - Grade 12 students are invited to participate in post-secondary online information sessions, as in-school presentations and on-campus visits are currently suspended due to COVID-19.

**University of Manitoba** - Students interested in University of Manitoba can attend their Virtual Open House on October 26<sup>th</sup>. 2021. To view more information or to register, visit: [umanitoba.ca/openhouse](https://umanitoba.ca/openhouse) Students (and parents/guardians) can also register for online information sessions at their convenience to learn more about University of Manitoba. To view the presentation schedule or to register, visit: [umanitoba.ca/admissions](https://umanitoba.ca/admissions)

**University of Winnipeg** - Students interested in The University of Winnipeg can attend their Virtual Future Student Night on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. To view more information or to register, visit: [uwinnipeg.ca/fsn](https://uwinnipeg.ca/fsn) Students (and parents/guardians) can also register for online information sessions at their convenience to learn more about The University of Winnipeg. To view the presentation schedule or to register, visit: [uwinnipeg.ca/presentations](https://uwinnipeg.ca/presentations)

**Red River College** - Students interested in Red River College can attend their Virtual Open House on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. To view more information or to register, visit: [rrc.ca/openhouse](https://rrc.ca/openhouse) Students (and parents / guardians) can also register for online information sessions at their convenience. To view the presentation schedule or to register, visit: [rrc.ca/infosession](https://rrc.ca/infosession)

- **Our Schools Tell Them From Me Survey** - Grades 4-12 students will be participating in the Our Schools – Tell Them From Me Survey once again this fall. Timelines and

instructions will be sent to schools in early November. Please ensure you have a designated staff member to assist with coordination at the school.

- **Advisory Committee Representation** – Andrea V. has graciously volunteered to act as Grant Park's representative on WSD's South District Advisory Committee. The committee. The South District Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees which includes Parent Council representatives from all schools in the South District. The Committee usually meets on a weeknight at 7:00 p.m. in a local school. There are up to four meetings held throughout the school year. These meetings are conducted on an informal basis to provide an opportunity for Committee members to discuss school, parent council and Division-wide activities and initiatives with the trustees. Representation on the Committee also provides an opportunity for our school to network with other schools in the South District.

#### b) Middle School

- **Progress Reports** – teachers will be reporting to parents on students with concerns in attendance, behaviour, and/or achievement
- **Walk-a-thon** – so far raised over \$7000 to be going towards student activities; money is divided up and distributed to teachers
- **Lunch and Entrance Adjustments in Inclement Weather** – MS students may eat in their homerooms, cafeteria, outside/home, or at planned activities; HS students may eat in the cafeteria, senior gym, outside/home, or planned activities
- **Ad Astra** – Nov. 18/19 more information to follow
- **Pirate Wear** – on sale soon

#### c) Senior High

- **Undergraduate Awards** – Award winner homes were notified earlier in the week via email that their student has won an award. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions a traditional awards ceremony is not possible. Similar to last year, awards will be handed out in their Math and English classes this Thursday, Oct 21. Over 300 awards will be handed out this year.
- **Progress Reports** – Teachers should have sent home progress reports last week to parents email addresses for certain students they felt the parent needed to be updated
  - If you did not receive a progress report, parents are strongly encouraged to contact their student's teachers to ask for an update. If you did receive one and want to discuss, please contact your student's teacher.
- **Take Our Kids to Work** – Memo was just received that this year's TOKTW day will once again be virtual on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grade 9 teachers will incorporate virtual activities into their classes on that day

- **WSD 150 Celebrations** – WSD 150 – As the WSD celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> year, information can be found on the SD website. There is a Celebration Book that can be ordered from the website for \$10. Short walkthrough videos of each school will be created. A tree was planted on school grounds to honour 150 years (by the electric sign). A division wide Virtual Assembly will take place on Oct 29 at 10:30AM
- **Exams** – All grade 12 provincial exams are cancelled yet again this year. We have scheduled our traditional exam week at the end of semester, Jan 28 - Feb 3. What the Exam week will look like will depend on Public Health orders at that time. It's impossible to know for sure, however it's probably safe to say it will look a little different than what it traditionally is. In-class exams vs large groups writing at the same time. It will probably be closer to December before we have a clearer picture.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. (Zoom Meeting)**