

Tec Voc Parent Council

January 26, 2021

In attendance:

Staff:

Dennis Mogg – Principal
Michelle Sacco – VP
Adam Dyck – VP
Tracy Derbyshire - teacher

Parents:

Kathy Gaudreau
Maria Fernandes
Scott and Michelle Gaber
Josh Muehling
Chandra Vesa
Andrea YoungMichelle Sacco – VP

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Andrea Young
2nd: Chandra Vesa

3. Correspondence

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- MB Excellence in Education Awards nominations passed Dec. 2/20
- Central City Advisory Comm. Dec. 8/20– renaming of Cecil Rhodes School & budget discussion
 - Next meeting in Feb. to discuss budget, decision due in March

4. Administration

- Principal Appointment: M. Sacco – Ms. Sacco moving to River Elm on Feb 1 as Acting Principal. No replacement announced yet.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Bed Project Update – Mr. Puntin and several students building 150 beds for families in need. Students are very involved and engaged in helping the community. A former SRO officer brought the idea to Tec Voc.
- Food Rescue – hamper program over the summer was a success. Restaurant suppliers have overstock of food, etc. due to the pandemic. Tec Voc and RB Russell may become a permanent drop-off point for excess food to be delivered to families in the community. Students to learn supply chain management skills. Students will also be able to take their certified forklift operator's license (must be 18 yrs old).
- SRO Survey –SRO program. WSD1 surveying parents, students, school staff and SROs re: SRO program.
- Remote Learning Attendance – province is requesting data from school divisions on remote learning attendance. Students not checking in with teachers through various methods will be marked absent.
- Report Cards – report cards go out on February 18 & 19. There will be extra comments regarding engagement and remote learning, and how students are doing with it. Report cards will be sent online.
- Semester 2 start date – February 9, pushed back one week by province. No final exams for Semester 1.

- Covid Update – parents get information at the same time as staff regarding school closures, etc. Parent discussion regarding their children's' experiences with schooling from home. Province and schools developing 'recovery models' for students who have missed out because of home learning.
- Cecil Rhodes Name Change Survey – WSD1 website has a link on their website for input on the school name change. Students are learning who Cecil Rhodes was and the impact of the school name change.

5. **New Business** – M. Fernandes to send MAPC info

6. **Grad**

- 15 different in-person ceremonies on June 23, 24 & 25.
- Public health guidelines will determine how many guests per student. Live streaming will be available for guests who cannot attend and will be on the school website.
- Students can register as individuals or with a group of friends.
- Ceremonies will be held in the school; tents will be set up for pictures outside.
- Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no dinner and dance or food at ceremonies and grad photos cannot be booked yet.
- Caps and gowns were purchased for the same cost as renting. Students will be able to keep their caps and gowns. Cost is \$30 by April 30.
- Valedictorian to be selected May 25 & 26. Registration for convocation will be online June 7-15.
- Package will be available for families to show local restaurants, parks, etc where grad can be celebrated.

7. **Other** – Valentine's Day activities: candygrams, best friend 'matchmaking' to encourage meeting new people.

8. **Parent Council Dates** – March 23 @ 5pm. Online or in person TBD.

9. **Adjournment** – 6:20 pm