

**Bridgewater Junior High School
School Advisory Council Virtual Meeting
October 20th, 2020**

Present:

Siobhan Doyle: Chair Parent
Daphne Egilsson: Principal
Patty Culbert: Parent
Megan Engram: Teacher
David Doggett: Parent
Terese Silver: Parent
Debbie Myers: Support Staff

Regrets:

Jessica Roache: Teacher
Kendra Hall: Parent

AGENDA

1) Welcome

2) Position of Recorder (David doing tonight, secretary will rotate).

3) Approval of Agenda and September 15, 2020 Minutes

- Motion to accept (Siobhan)- motion granted. Minutes and agenda approved.

4) Announcements

5) Membership: Students, Teacher, Community Representative

- Siobhan Doyle will maintain chair position
- Daphne will advertise for the other available positions, including Community Representative's position.

6) Water Quality (Lead Pipe Report)

- Daphne said Paul Ash updated on October 2nd, links to reports. No timeline.
- Kids are told not to use the classroom sinks for drinking water. Kids can refill at bottle stations.
- Idea to put sign/sticker on classroom sinks?

7) COVID-19 School Response Update

- School is sending reminders about being complacent. All seem to be doing a great job following the rules.
- Some kids are still needing reminding to wear masks sometimes.

a) Physical Activity and Outside Time

- Could be some issues once snow piles happen between schools.
- Trying to find a balance between mental health, getting class work done.
- Ideas like asking the Town or a local business to donate materials or time to build an outdoor learning center or something?
- We'll brainstorm for ideas that may work in winter as well. Perhaps a subcommittee for this idea.

b) Ventilation and Air Quality

- Daphne said response from the Operations Department was that all is well with ventilation, custodians are quick to address any issues.

c) Disseminating Information and Updates

- All well and good right now but how does it go if/when the school gets its first case? Daphne says it hasn't changed - Public Health has a protocol in place if a case shows up.
- Scenario #2 includes reduced class sizes and fewer adults interacting with each homeroom. How do teachers get prep time? How many in a Cohort? If we go to scenario 2, what is considered reasonable? Daphne may know more after talking to - Our Public Health Liaison.
- What about the COVID app? Can Health class suggest downloading and using the app? Or is that crossing parental lines? Phone use is discouraged, but may be able to suggest looking into the app further.

8) Student Pedestrian Safety

- Last February there was a meeting about the congestion at drop off/pickup. Then COVID happened and was put on hold.
- Police were collecting data from the speed tracking device. Contact may be made to find out more about this.
- Church parking space availability for teachers?

- Perhaps parents can be made aware if they are allowed to do drop off/pickup by the curling club? This will be looked into.
- Daphne says because of COVID multiple entrance doors (5) are being used, pressure may be less at the front.
- Siobhan will get some more info and see how it's going and put it back on the agenda. Maybe it will be tabled until COVID is done.

9) Treasurer's Report

- Debbie obtained a report from our accounting clerk - since we met last, there is just one debit. We had a balance in February of over \$4000 but the debit was over \$800 for Phys Ed. wish list purchase. Debbie will send a detailed report to Daphne.
- Center for Education funds received? Not sure.
- Daphne will ask teachers for a wish-list on Friday during the in-service meetings.
- Debbie will present a list of possible things for Verge House as well (9 students, 3 staff) - possibly outdoor seating options.

10) Support from SAC (In-service Oct 23)

- Last month we had talked about some sort of teacher appreciation gesture. Cake and or fruit basket on Friday? It should be someone from the SAC that purchases the treat and deliver it to the school. Siobhan will do that this Friday.

11) Adjourned at 7:21 pm. Next Virtual Meeting Date (3rd Tuesday Monthly)

November 17, 2020, 6:30pm