

Principal's Report To School Council

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November 4, 2020 7:00 p.m. Remote Meeting

1. COVID Update

Information:

As we all know, NHS had its first positive case of COVID-19. I have heard many comments and suggestions about what should have been done and when, but we can only do what we are legally allowed to do, and do what Alberta Health Services (AHS) directs us to do.

Parents must understand that neither school administration nor the Board has the authority to send students and staff home. That responsibility lies with AHS. Second, how we communicate to our school community (ie. sending notice to the one class only was) is based on communication with AHS as well.

We can all feel frustrated about the time it took to learn that we had a positive case to getting individuals to self-isolate. Unfortunately, we are not the only jurisdiction experiencing such a lag in time.

Mr. Lindquist and I have spent much time trying to speed up the response time, and we are looking into how we might have a more timely way to get communication out to parents should a similar case arise.

In the meantime, we keep reviewing our re-entry plan and making adjustments to it so that any case that may enter the school will have a minimized chance to spread.

2. Teacher Request

Mrs. Graham is seeking \$350.00 for props and decorations to create a virtual Christmas concert. The plan is still in the making to have a safe virtual show, but in the case that it is possible to do, she would like to know that she can purchase some items.

3. eNews and Website Posts: Feedback

Information:

- In the last couple of weeks we have launched our new website.
 - Please pass on thoughts and suggestions!
- We have also transitioned to using a weekly eNews campaign to share news to parents. Parents sign up for the eNews by using the form at the bottom of each page on our website.
 - \circ $\;$ Please pass on thoughts and suggestions!
- We occasionally put events and reminders on our home page as Web Posts. Parents subscribe to this using a link in the eNews and emails to parents.
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