

Hedges Middle School
Parent Advisory Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Attendance: Shelley Shepherd, Tera Campbell, Tammy Baydock, Jody O'Brien, Jamilah Asonto, Jodi Ogg, Melissa Cheyne, Patrixia Waga, Spencer Smith, Laila Aronas, Ugo Nnah, Nadine Wainwright, Travis Foote
Regrets: Visa Hutter, Candace Parks

1. CALL TO ORDER : 1809hrs

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

a. Academics

- Practical Arts 2nd rotation wrapping up.
- 384 students 76 Remote
- Please check PowerSchool (grade 7 and 8)
- Report cards written March 19

b. Athletics

- No extra-curricular permitted

c. School Activities

- Collecting Tabs
- Student snacks – twice a month to the whole class- may be up to 3-4x/mth
- Food Pantry – twice a month delivery to 15 families
- Photography Club and Yearbook club
- Long Board Club
- Student Leadership
- MADD presented to grade 7 and 8's
- Spirit Weeks – recent one "I Love to Read"
- School website, Instagram, continue
- Spring photos coming in May. Date TBD

Thank you to parent advisory for the staff appreciation lunch from Pita Pit.

Immunizations postponed until next year.

Lockers – students have space in their room to leave items. Lockers only used for grade 6's to put their jacket and boots in as they all attend every day.

MARCH

4 Virtual Parent Advisory Mtg @ 6pm

10 Virtual Open House for incoming grade 5's @ 6pm

11 Virtual Portfolio Night 4-6:30pm

16 Early dismissal 3pm

19 In-service (no school)

26 Last Day before Spring break starts

APRIL

5 School re-opens after spring break

6 Early dismissal 3pm

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7 Term 2 reports issued
16 In-service (no school)
20 Early dismissal 3pm

MAY

4 Early dismissal 3pm
18 Early dismissal 3pm
24 Victoria Day (no school)

3. ACCOUNTING:

- a) Account Balance as of January 31, 2021 - \$13,388.10 – Pita Pit lunch for teachers of \$610.35 is not accounted for in the balance.
- b) Grade Balances – Grade 6 - \$54.80, Grade 7 - \$1,976.09, Grade 8 - \$6,134.56
 - I. Total grade balances \$8,165.56

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Locker Update – only the grade 6s will continue to have lockers for the foreseeable future, classroom space is provided for grades 7&8 for their jackets/boots
- b) Washroom Update - students were asked and most wanted to use the closest washroom

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Update grades 7&8 re: resumption of full time in class learning, this learning model isn't appropriate for learning and is troublesome for many families, parents do not feel there is enough material provided to keep students busy on their days at home. Parents and students WANT to be in school full time. There is no reason for this to continue given the current number of active cases. – This feedback will be sent to the board office. Issues now are the new isolation requirements from Public Health. If there is a positive case in a school close contacts AND household members have to isolate. If 2m distancing isn't met this greatly increases the number of people who will have to isolate. Parents are to voice concerns to the teacher re: amount of work provided for “home” days as some families feel not enough work is being provided and others feel it is too much
- b) Movement breaks – opportunities for a class to get up and do a couple of quick circuits around the halls in an orderly and socially distanced manner. Standing at the back of the classroom isn't enough movement if you are sitting for hours at a time. – Classes are taking turns sending students out into the hallways to work to provide opportunities to get up and change of scenery. The school has 3 tents that will be used as outdoor classrooms once the weather improves so that students can be outside.

6. NEXT MEETING:

7. ADJOURNMENT: 1840hrs