**School Council Meeting**

**October 7th, 2020 6pm Virtual**

**Principals report**

Our enrollment has increased this year as new families have moved into the area.

We have 5 Kindergarten classes this year.

Classes sizes this year are as follows : ELKP 20-22

 Primary 16-18

 Junior/Int 22-24

Virtual school students that are returning to in-person learning will begin on November 19th, 2020. There will not be another return until February at this time.

Our virtual school currently has approximately 6000 students and 125 teachers.

Financial – School Council Balance is currently $18 252.83.

The playground account is approximately $11 800.

**Updates**

Playground areas remain out of bounds until after 4pm. These are areas will open upon approval from the DSBN and Public Health.

Covid Tests – these are confidential and administrators are not able to ask for/require these tests. If there is a positive test at our school Public Health will notify us immediately and the proper procedures will be followed. Public Health will notify any individuals connected to the positive case through contact tracing.

There is a new Covid screening assessment tool that is posted on our school website. Parent’s will continue to be reminded of the importance of completing the daily covid assessments for students.

School Calendars continue to be found on the DSBN website under elementary school year calendars.

Our school calendars including events and fundraising have been put on hold temporarily. Any pertinent information will be posted on our school website and our twitter page regularly.

Halloween – no shared food, parades or costumes unfortunately this year. We will have a Black and Orange day on Friday, October 30th.

School Council voting system – we will continue to meet monthly for updates but will put a hold on voting at this time. If there is a decision to hold an election members’ must be currently part of Prince Philip school to hold an executive position on council.

Technology – We currently have received approximately 70% of our chrome books back from families that received them in March for online learning. At this time, 50% of those are currently working and are back in classrooms for student use.

Masks – we received 350 masks from the DSBN to be kept at the office for students who have lost or forgotten theirs and require a new one.

Masks are expected to be worn by all staff members as well as face shields when in close proximity to students (within 2M). PPE is replenished monthly.

Keyboarding – is not currently part of the curriculum. Many teachers currently have keyboarding apps and widgets on their teaching platforms. Brian will consult with our curriculum services team to suggest.

Congestion in the entry and exit areas at the beginning and end of the day. We will continue to remind parents about social distancing and safety required during these times. Masks are suggested when picking up and dropping off students.

**Next meeting: November25th @ 6:00pm**