

CSPC Meeting - Wednesday, January 19, 2022 - 7:00 - 7:30 pm
Zoom Conference Call

Meeting called by Co-Chairs Vanessa Thomas and Kathy Fenech

Meeting Attendees:

Staff Members:

Joe PannoZZo
Marissa Ginocchi
Christina Bellissimo

School Community:

Michelle McLaren
Vanessa Thomas
Kathy Fenech
Susanne Reis
Marj Bridger
Jessica Ferrari
Celia Goncalves
Jennifer Pyz
Diana Morrone

Item 1: Welcome

- Vanessa opens the meeting and welcomes everyone

Item 2: Opening Prayer

Item 3: Principal and Vice Principal's Report

Mr. PannoZZo answered questions that were submitted by parents:

- 1) *If there are not enough supply teachers, will classes/cohorts be combined to ensure class coverage? Will the class without a supply teacher be told to stay home with possible on-line learning?*
 - This would be a last minute resort in which the decision is made by the principal/vice principal in consultation with the superintendent
 - The administration is very much against combining classes and they want to maintain cohorts as much as possible
 - There are many support staff members in the building, in addition to Mr. PannoZZo and Mrs. Ginocchi who can also cover classes if necessary
 - If there is a need to combine classes/ cohorts, parents will be notified ahead of time very early in the morning

- Mr. Pannozzo and Ms. Ginocchi check teacher attendance very early in the morning and if there is no one to cover class they begin to make arrangements
- There are also some occasional teachers that can come into St. Gregory to cover the classes

2) *The Trustees passed a motion with the following points. Would Mr. Pannozzo please give us an update as to when we can expect these directives to be rolled out?*

- *Further be it resolved that TCDSB develop a local school plan to establish case counts of positive COVID-19 cases locally; and*
- *Further be it resolved that TCDSB parents/guardians be instructed to report positive cases in their household; and*
- *Further be it resolved that all TCDSB employees be directed to report positive cases; and*
- *Further be it resolved that staff implement a case count reporting framework including communicating positive cases locally and system wide*
 - Some of the above questions were answered in the January 14 correspondence by TCDSB communication department
 - In consult with occupational health and safety officer:
 - All positive cases from staff and students will be reported to parents and staff of the impacted cohort
 - Cases will also be reported on the TCDSB website
 - Administration also has a protocol:
 - Step 1: administration notifies TPH only if there is a confirmed PCR case
 - Step 2: Principal and vice principal will complete an online spreadsheet that is submitted to the board
 - Step 3: Principal and vice principal will notify class cohort with template letter based on provincial guidance.
 - Updated rule: being in the same classroom and/or on the same bus as a positive case is not considered a close contact; cohorts are no longer dismissed if there is a positive case identified
 - Students and staff are asked to monitor for symptoms. They still need to pass daily screening and if there are no symptoms, they can attend school
- Differences in screening passport:
 - Updated January 10 for students and January 11 for staff
 - Sent out via email to the school community
 - *Symptoms: there are now two categories

- Primary: if the individual has 1 symptom, they must stay home for 5-10 days depending on age and vaccination status; this also includes household members
 - Secondary: if the individual has only 1 symptom, they will be sent home to monitor
 - *No more dismissal of full cohorts, but they will be notified
 - Rapid antigen tests will be distributed (2 tests each).
 - These are only to be used for symptomatic staff and students
 - The tests will be sent home early next week; testing is voluntary.
 - If the student or staff does not want to do a rapid test but has symptoms, they will be asked to isolate
 - For those who complete the test and get two negative rapid tests within 24-48 hours, they are able to return to school
 - An email was sent out by TCDSB regarding instructions and how-to videos for the rapid antigen tests
 - Three-ply masks are on site for students. The administration is going to sort according to size, and they will be made available if students need them
- There was an extended French information meeting for grade 4 parents – excellent turnout! So far 27 applications for the grade 5 extended French program were received. There is room for 31 students in the program.
- Today was the first day of registration for next school year, 48 applications for kindergarten were received so far
- For February:
 - African Canadian Heritage month
 - Learn more about these stories and contributions made
 - The board provides resources and learning experiences for the students
 - Teachers have access to register for these events
 - For example: for grade 3 and up, there is a U of T event honouring Andre De Grasse

Item 4: Chair Report

- School Enhancement Fee: \$15,705 was collected
- Spirit wear will be rolled out shortly. Currently finalizing pricing for these items.
- TCDSB PRO Grant –
 - <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/CSPC/Documents/PRO%20Grant.pdf>
 - “Ontario's PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being.”
 - “School councils may apply for grants to support projects focused on engaging parents who may experience challenges as a result of language barriers, recent immigration, poverty, newness to Ontario's school system or other factors.”

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

- There are still a few outstanding cheques
- \$4,280 deposit from enhancement fee
- All but 4 teachers have submitted their allocations
- IT items are new this month
- Regarding the HST audit which is due January 31, 2022
 - Asked to submit 4 years and currently have 3.5 years done
 - It will take several months for the board to review and submit
 - We likely won't know anything until June or July 2022
 - Ballpark amount around \$20,000
 - Council will get 83.3% back, board retains a portion of it
 - Jessica recommends that we leave a reserve in case we need to pay something back, since this is the first time this process is being done and there is a chance of an audit. We want to make sure we have the funds available if needed to pay back.

Item 6: Conclusion and Goodnight

Next CSPC meeting: February 16, 2022 @ 7:00 pm