

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes August 31, 2020

Meeting held virtually through Zoom

Attendance

Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)

Joanna O.

Jamie A.

Chandra

Hanna

Stacey B.

Cora

Tracey

Principal Update

Further communications will go out this week in preparation of school starting next week. The next communication will include several pages of information, updates, checklists. School supplies should only be sent in as needed. Teachers will send email to students in their class prior to first day with full instructions. Mrs. Larade is trying to prepare a video and walk through for new students who aren't familiar with the school or the teachers.

Arrival and dismissal will be difficult. As students arrive the first day children will be placed in class groupings prior to entering the school. After the first day students will proceed to classes as soon as they arrive. Bus students will be taken to their buses by class at dismissal. Drop offs and pick ups at the school will be at bottom of the hill for returning students. For new students parents can meet with a staff member at the top of the hill for drop off and pick ups on the first day.

Children are not permitted to bring toys or other items from home. Each class has separate books and manipulatives for each child.

Recess and lunches will be staggered. 4 zones around school for classes to spend recess and lunch, which will alternate for each class. No outside lunch program for the fall – everyone should pack and bring their lunch. Desks will be sanitized 2 times a day. Lunch staffing is almost complete. Lunch monitors will be on site for 1.5 hours and have committed to 5 days per week.

If children are ill, they will be placed in a separate area with a mask until their parent can be contacted

and arrive to pick-up their child.

Music, gym and French will proceed. Gym will be outside as much as possible. Children are not permitted to share equipment.

No visitors to the school. Parents are not permitted in the school. To pick up child – call ahead or ring buzzer. No volunteers permitted in school. No cross-class mingling – older students will not be permitted to assist with other classes or school programs.

Breakfast program will be run by school staff (no volunteers permitted) and needs to be pre-packaged to avoid contact.

Masks will be work by grade 4 & 5 students (and grade 3s in the ¾ split) in hallways and when they can't social distance in the classroom. All children on busses must wear masks.

No field trips, gatherings and assemblies are permitted. Holiday concerts, remembrance day assemblies would not be permitted. School picture day will proceed with individual pictures but no class photos. No afterschool clubs, programs or events are permitted.

Financial Update

School has asked whether funds are available for the normal \$200 teacher allowance. We will obtain a financial update and make a determination.

PTA Events

Any indoor school/ community events will not be permitted. There will be no Bubble Run, Halloween Howl, Bingo, etc.. What else can the PTA do to fundraise and make school year better within CIVID restrictions.

Discussed having a fun bubble run during gym class in September with the bubble machine running and hand out a treat at the end.

Looking for ways to fundraise through third party portals to avoid cash being sent to school.

Future PTA meeting dates

September 21, 2020 (Monday) at 6:30 by zoom