

A.V.S.S. School Council
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
6:00-7:30pm
TEAMS meeting

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome/Introductions/Overview | M. Moore |
| 2. Staff and Student Reports | N/A |
| 3. Principal's Report (attached) | M. Moore |
| 4. 'Any other business' | |
| • Meeting Schedule: December, February, April, June | |
| • School Council Elections – Chair, Secretary (December Meeting) | |
| • Principal's Weekly Phone Updates | |

Adjournment

Present: Moore, Goold, McKinnon, Pasch, Grogan, Wrobel, Buchanan (7)

Regrets: Weeks

Next meeting: Wed. Dec. 15 at 7:00 (in-person or TEAMS = TBD)

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Updates:

1. COVID procedures/policy

- TVDSB and Health Unit policies are being followed at AVSS including: limited doors openings, mask wearing, class doors to be open, hand sanitizer use, limited gatherings inside, athletics, extra-curricular, etc.
- Targeted cleaning every night by custodial staff
- Reminder to have all students do attestation every morning
- Full Remote Learning is offered by the Board – by four different schools - and on our third floor, we are housing 7 FRL teachers
- *“It seems like things are changing every day with COVID!”*

2. Adjustment Period (Fall 2021)

- it has been VERY noticeable that having students back in school has been a VERY difficult adjustment for many
- many students are still trying to remember what the expectations of a school are... and we are working with them the best we can
- a reminder that students who are not in class usually are not successful.
 - *we have an entire SST team of 6 that meet weekly to devise creative plans, work with teachers, work with Admin., call parents, meet with students, work with social worker - but students need to be in the building for any plans to work well
- teachers too are still adjusting to full classes, online expectations, COVID policies, different daily/weekly schedule, etc.
- for about a year now I have been telling/asking them to be “a positive and clear thing in these times of confusion, stress and anxiety” and I hope that has been your experience

3. Enrollment for 2021-22

- Approximately 375 bodies in AVSS classes

- Over 90 grade 9 students for the first time in over seven years
- 33 students not learning in-person at AVSS and are doing FRL

4. Historic 'Real' Pass Rates at AVSS

2016-17 = 91%	2019-20 = 93%
2017-18 = 89%	2020-21 = 90%
2018-19 = 92%	2021-22 Semester One Progress Reports = TBD!

5. School Goal for 2021-22

- TVDSB has mandated a three-part goal that includes: *Numeracy, Literacy, Equity*
- Our SIT will meet in early November (prior to the release of the TVDSB template/form) to begin looking at our data to see where we should be headed
- Note: We have 37 teachers this semester and 16 of them want to be part of SIT

6. '21 for 21' Plans

- Completed plans include: hall signage, athlete of the yr. display, Code Red lights in gyms, painted bike racks, first floor painting
- Plans in process include: 'Tech Dept. Awards' display, outdoor classroom, drums for music class, student council, poetry club, *catering menu*, etc.

7. Food Service in the Cafeteria

- Regardless of COVID protocols and *Chartwells* cafeterias opening soon in other schools, a reminder that at AVSS we will not have any food *service* in our cafeteria
- Reminder (pre-COVID): food prepared daily by Chef Goold and her students EVERY DAY; an average of 25 students purchased food each day; there are 22 fast food stores within a 10-minute walk; we operated at a loss for at least the last 4 years; over \$6000 deficit in the last 'regular year
- No student will go hungry at AVSS as we have food for students provided by several sources and located in the breakfast club, main office, SST room, resource room and many classrooms
- *My hope is that the cafeteria will be open for students to *eat* their lunches soon...

8. Code Red Drill (Oct. 21 at 9:00)

- exceptionally well done by students and staff
- Teachers worked with classes for about two weeks prior to the drill
- Lasted 10 minutes; absolute silence in entire building
- One more to be done semester two...

9. Commencement 2020-21

- Mandated by TVDSB that it is virtual again this fall
- We had a 'grad. recognition' pickup last June (mug, t-shirt, photos, etc.)
- Commencement video will be released to grads and parents/guardians on NOVEMBER 5 (Details still TBD)
- Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. McPhee, Mrs. Goold, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Telfer, Mrs. Martinez-Harild (and others) are deeply involved in preparations such as awards, cheques, diplomas, contacting grads, program, photos