



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Hastings PAC – Thursday May 28, 2020
7-830pm ZOOM meeting

(31 Participants)

1. **Welcome and introductions** (7pm)
2. **Review of minutes from April 22, 2020** (715pm)
 - a. Motion to accept the minutes from April 22/20 meeting - MSC
3. **Reports/Updates**
 - a. Administration (730-8:20pm)
 - i. Principal - Vital Peeters
 1. 'Return to School' plan next week – document prepared by the district was to be customized by admin and teachers – to fill in details like meeting places and exits, etc. K-5 Monday and Tuesdays; Gr.6/7 on Wednesdays; 50% density targets – not based on classrooms (but as a whole school). Hastings is just below 50% of school population – target set by provincial health office. All staff asking to return to school for their regular schedule.
 - a. Children might not have their classroom teacher; the plan is to be with the regular teacher but there are unknowns – which students and teachers actually show up next week.
 - b. All school staff are required to return to work; but in this instance, concessions are being made for medical reasons, and other reasons for why they cannot come back.
 - c. Are there teachers on call? Is that an option? District has an on-call management system but because this situation is so exceptional, they will try to cover with non-enrolling staff first; non-enrolling staff are support staff (resource, prep, music, PE, counsellors, teacher/librarians); based on their planning, they feel they have extra staff to help.
 - d. What happens on Thursdays and Fridays? Tried to limit in class days (to limit the number of contacts adults and students have); around 200 students coming on Monday & Tuesday; around 100-150 students on Wednesday; will continue on-line learning on Thursday & Friday. Some teachers thought maybe they would stream their in-class content, but it is up to the individual teacher.

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- e. Lunchtime? School yard already divided into sections – “maximizing the physical distance / minimizing physical contact” is the mantra that they are reminding students; they will be eating with their teachers, either inside or picnic style.
- f. Why are we not staggering recess? Wanted to maintain some structures for kids / familiarity; recesses and lunch are what shapes our day; offered more supervision aids but adding more adults that could possibly spread COVID, is a bit counterproductive; they are using the regular supervision aids that they have and will see how they manage, and reassess if needed.
- g. Once they are in the school, staff will wash their hands at the entrance; but students for the sake of structure – will wash their hands in the classrooms. Congestion would be too great to have students all wash their hands at entrance ways.
- h. Parents will drop off outside the school grounds area. Teacher will meet them outside.
- i. Class sizes for next year? Not determined yet.
- j. No limits on how many students can be in the class – they have done their best to rearrange furniture to accommodate distancing; results of the survey – based on numbers for each class that keep changing hourly by parents; many classes are around half, but some are less and some are more. About 300 students total have indicated they are coming back.
- k. How does it change the online learning for students NOT going back – up to the teachers; days they are with their classes, they may offer to stream; teachers may do class meetings. The two experiences will be different; June is less about academic (more outside time / field trips). Teachers may choose to incorporate this into online learning activities as well.
- l. Bottom line – teachers will have more answers than admin on what their classes will be like, but give them the opportunity to share it rather than asking them.
- m. Custodial staff been asked to focus on high-touch / high-contact areas. Ken is on it! 😊
- n. Support workers for students: admin is planning to meet with them tomorrow to find out who will be returning, and then confirm the schedule and communicating with families - end of this week / early next week.

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2. Transition planning for Grade 7's to Gr 8
 - a. (Susan) Youth and Family Worker - Becki Steele, has taken the lead; just joined the staff; Becki is looking at possibilities of a leaving ceremony; virtual tours of high schools. More info from teachers and Becki in next little while.
 - b. On school website - June 23rd Leaving Ceremony – will there still be something happening? The date is up in the air. Vital will change it to a TBA for now on website.
 3. Report Cards
 - a. Families should expect to still receive report cards – Vital will share in the weekly email info outlining report card questions.
 - b. Based on students' performance since March 13th; if there is progress since then, will be included; if not, students will not be penalized.
- ii. Vice Principal - Susan Dent
1. Will feel fine after the teachers and students get into the groove after this first week of returning to school; will feel a bit like the first week of on-line learning.
 2. She was teaching kindergarten during SARS and assures parents it was one of the safest times for students because of the extra diligence with extra measures and protocols.
 3. Be gentle with your teachers! It's another transition time – expect there to be fluidity.
- b. Chair - Jacqueline Shaben (820-835)
- i. Highlights from past month
 1. Garden Installation – end of July tables will be ready.
 - a. Anyone who wants to help out with the garden over the summer, please contact the PAC.
 - b. Getting new hose bib near the garden to make it easier to water.
 - ii. Upcoming events
 1. Speaker Series – Saleema Noon Body Science – Parent workshop on Zoom on June 3rd. Check Hastings PAC email (June 29, 2020) for instructions on how to a) download the online student workshops and b) register for the June 3rd Zoom meeting.
 2. Online Field Trip? Urban Safari Rescue
 - a. Motion to fund \$300 for two online field trips. -MSC

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c. DPAC Rep – Deb Bryant
DPAC Townhall: will put Deb’s DPAC notes on the website and send thru mailing list.

4. **New Business** (815-830pm)

a.

Adjourn (8:35pm)

Next meeting: June - TBD

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