

Northern School Council Meeting

Principal's Report

April 8, 2021, 6:30 - 7:35 pm (Via Zoom)

Saliva tests at NSS :

- To date there has been no results provided from the Covid tests that were handed out at the school last week, but it seems safe to assume there were not a great deal of positive results or we would have heard back sooner. The Covid case at the school this week was not detected by these tests.
- A good number of tests were returned, estimating about 80%

Grad (see Grad Committee section for more info):

- The new stay-at-home orders have potentially complicated grad plans. The main takeaway from last year's events is that we need to provide the 2021 class with closure and not leave things as open-ended.
- Current plan is for a virtual 60-minute program on June 28th (the original ceremony date). The program will feature speeches from valedictorian, dignitaries and staff and memory images of the school.
- Grad photos that were scheduled to take place now have to be re-worked. We are trying to work on setting up photos booths either out back under the overhang or in the auto shop bays so grade 12 students could safely come and get their photo taken. Tech support would be available and Covid protocols would be followed.
- If grad photos happen, we can go ahead with other parts of the Grad agenda including a hard-copy memory book similar to what was done for the 2020 class. Photos would need to be done by May 28 if the book were to be ready to distribute by June 28. If the photos can't get done before that date, the books would be given out before the kids went off in the fall.

Quad 4

- Timetables are currently in the works. Tuesday April 20 is the TDSB deadline for releasing the timetables but they could be released earlier if ready.
- Some students are switching from virtual back to in-school to finish the year
- Quad 4 starts April 23

Teacher Vaccinations

- At this time, priority is being given to teachers in hot spots (by postal code) and special education teachers. NSS is not in a hot spot so our teachers will have to wait.

Masks/Filters

- There is no graphene in our masks.
- The school received 75 portable Hepa filters that have been distributed to all classrooms.

Staffing:

- We are pleased to be at 96.5 staff positions for next year, we are only verbally surplussing 1 teacher for a half timetable so all staff will be back next fall.

Teacher appreciation:

- As Tania mentioned, it means so much when teachers receive an email from a parent or caregiver showing appreciation.