

École Chinook Park School
École Chinook Park School Casino Association

School Council Meeting

September 16 2020 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Virtual Platform

In attendance:

Alison Pidskalny – Incoming Co-Chair (chinookparkchair@gmail.com)
Jason Switzer – Incoming Co Chair (Jason.switzer@actia.ca)
Lisa Doyle – Outgoing Chair (chinookparkchair@gmail.com)
Katie McKinnon – Incoming Vice Chair (mckinnon.katie@gmail.com)
Kelly Sheppard – Outgoing Treasurer (kelly.sheppard@shaw.ca)
Dane Tousignant – Incoming Treasurer (danetousignant@gmail.com)
Clair Gordon – Secretary (clair@dragonflygiftbaskets.com)

Aliki Avdicos (Principal)

Dawn Poole (Assistant Principal)

Various members of Chinook Park parent body (40)

1. Call to Order (Alison Pidskalny)

- Opening remarks
- How are we going to align our focus this year
- Thank the outgoing Executive, Lisa Doyle and Kelly Sheppard

2. Summary of Priorities (Alison Pidskalny)

- Keeping staff, administration, and students healthy
 - Keeping the school open
 - Listening and liaising with parents – Katie McKinnon to take the lead; community engagement
- Delivering Insight to School Administration
 - Deploy money and volunteers effectively and efficiently – Alison Pidskalny to take the lead
- Fundraising
 - Get creative – Krysti Barker to take the lead.
 - Whitney Mercer to help with grants and to help identify new income sources.
- Looking further out
 - How much are we going to spend? Are we going to hold back for next year, or spend it all now, when the need is greatest?
- Insuring Governance is in order
 - Clear, transparent decisions, and information available to parents – Dane Tousignant and Jason Switzer to take the lead

3. Calendar Review (Jason Switzer)

- Parent Council, 3rd Wed of every month

4. How to get involved (Alison Pidskalny)

- Reach out to child's teacher
- Contact Volunteer Co-Chairs – Natalie Harmon and Lindsey Stene – They will be in contact with Aliki, and be able to streamline communication with parents.
- Reach out to Chinook Park Chair email account - chinookparkchair@gmail.com

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For more information please contact Chair, Alison Pidskalny (chinookparkchair@gmail.com)*

5. Principal's Report (Alikı Avdicos)

- Thank you to outgoing Executive, welcome to the new Executive
- Covid Procedures
 - Classroom set-up with pictures
 - Physical distancing as much as possible
 - All desks forward facing
 - Children offered mask breaks – Certain rows take masks breaks at a time, outside they are able to take masks off, if they can be physically distanced.
 - Kindergarten
 - They are in a cohort, so have relaxed the need for physical distancing
 - Tubs of manipulatives that get rotated after the weekend.
 - Hallways
 - Pylons and tape marking flow of direction – they have implemented a 2 way flow.
 - Dismissal – Maintaining distance and trying to relieve bottlenecks, using different exits.
 - Lunchrooms and Recess
 - With the closing of CSSI program, we have extra rooms to be used as 'lunchrooms'
 - Hand sanitizer stations at each door/entrance
 - Makeshift tri fold with plastic for separating
 - Staggered seating with permanent seating plans
 - Snack and Lunch recess is taken in the same place each day – rotating schedule for each class
 - Playground not to be used before or after school, to maintain the integrity of the cohorts
 - Music Rom
 - Specific instrument to specific classes
 - Physical distance circles to space out the class
- Virtual Zoom Chat Questions
 - Would an amplification system/mic work for teachers?
 - Masks with clear mouth area, helpful for teachers teaching French Immersion to new students.
- School Organization
 - Fall actual enrollment
 - 359 students in the building
 - 32 students in Hub learning
 - ~18-25 students/class
 - 1 Hub teacher
 - Lower Kindergarten enrollment has caused a grade ½ splits
- Teacher Responsibilities
 - Masks
 - Handwashing
 - Sanitizing
 - Online Presence with D2L and Google Meet
 - D2L was picked as it is more secure, and more teachers are familiar with it. Easy to provide feedback.
- Supports that are in place
 - EA's maintained employment
 - Small groups for teacher mentoring
 - Human resources to help families
 - Technology – chrome books available
 - Technology tutorials and support
- Protocols/Guidelines from AHS

- o Alert Level
 - 1 child sick in the classroom
 - Sent to infirmary and parents have to pick up, within the hour
 - No formal documentation
- o Outbreak
 - Between 2-5 confirmed cases
 - Letter sent home
 - Work with AHS or area director
- o Public Notice
 - 5 or more cases
 - Work with Regional Health Officer and school officials to execute a plan
- Community Building
 - o Virtual Assembly – Welcome the kids and show each classroom on Zoom
 - o Virtual Buddy Classes – Asking each other questions from different classrooms
 - o PE – Dance Unit – Online, flash mobs on the field?
 - o Council Sponsored Virtual Events – Speakers, French Week, Magician.

6. Questions from Parents

- Q: How many cases of Covid, does it take to shut down a classroom?
 - o A: We will get direction from AHS, once they have done contact tracing etc (Alik Avdicos)
- Q: How long does it take for the school to send out notification to parents when there is 1 positive case?
 - o A: Quick (Alik Avdicos)

6. Motion to adjourn (Alison Pidskalny)

The next École Chinook Park School Council Meeting will be held on October 21st 2020