

ATSS GENERAL PAC MEETING (VIRTUAL) NOVEMBER 5, 2020 @ 7pm

Attendance: Ivon Gill Reg Gabriel Gino Bondi
 Karm Mahal Bal Dhand Baljit Sangha
 Mandy Aujla Jas Badesha Kathiresan Nadarajan
 Sajeeda Kathiresan

Welcome message from PAC chair Ivon Gill and introduction of PAC for school year 2020/2021

Approval of Agenda

-Karm Mahal and seconded by Mandy Aujla

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Diwali dress-up for both schools on November 13, 2020 will be a buyout
- No school November 11, 2020 (Remembrance Day)
- November 10, 2020 Remembrance Day assembly will be live stream with ATMS, SPOP, KING and ATSS

SPORTS:

- Mr. Tanner Willington is the athletic directory for ATMS (Mr. Willington and Mr. Abbott will be doing basketball skills development for ATMS starting mid-November)
- Mrs. Hunt is the athletic director for ATSS (basketball skills development will start on November 17)

SESIMIC:

- Start date May 1, 2021
- ATSS office will be moved to ATMS for several months and then will move back once office is finished
- new weight room will go in between the cafeteria and the change rooms
- library is getting an expansion, will be turned into a L shape
- re-doing the court yard, will be turned into a sitting area
- communication staff from the district will be putting out a visual of the new school
- this is seismic upgrade, general maintenance will be done, not a brand-new building
- no decision on a school name yet, conversation needs to happen between parents, staff and students
- there are no plans to move away from the traditional model

TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS:

- due to Covid restrictions for this year there will be no bussing for traditional schools

- choice schools were on the bottom of the list for bussing this year, school district had to prioritize who needed bussing
- due to Covid, district had to reduce the number students on the bus and cleaning protocols makes it really hard for bussing to be available for everyone
- district does not have enough busses or drivers to be transporting all students at this time
- Mr. Bondi said we are invested in the traditional program
- parents asked about private bussing and Mr. Bondi said that is a huge liability issue for the district and the bus company

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- Ivon Gill expressed concerns about the building being safe
- Mr. Gabriel said if the building wasn't safe, he would not let the staff or students be in the building, he has no concerns with the safety of the building

TRADITIONAL SCHOOL VISION AND GOALS:

- Ivon Gill asked about the vision and goals for traditional
- Mr. Gabriel said depends for each school, what their 10 tenets are and what they are working on as an individual school
- Mr. Bondi said the vision for this new school will be a grade 6-12, one principal, 2 vice-principals
- need to bring in the elementary schools into the bubble and have a conversation on what traditional looks like to everyone
- Mr. Bondi will have a conversation with Carla Danielsson who is in charge of the start-up of TAC
- TAC (traditional advisory committee) which used to meet at least 3-4 times a year but that hasn't in the last 5 years, it was a meeting between all traditional school principal and Carla

BC NEW CURRICULUM AND REPORT CARDS:

- Mr. Gabriel said he has only been at the secondary level for 3 months so doesn't have much experience, he is not concerned about what is being taught in the school
- He said that the secondary school curriculum is 6 years old, he feels that the teachers at ATSS are some of the greatest and are doing ground-breaking teaching
- curriculum is not an option anymore it's a law and has to be taught

DEMOGRAPHIC OF STAFF AS COMPARED TO STUDENT ETHNIC RATIO:

- Mr. Gabriel said it has been brought up by parents in the past to have more Punjabi-speaking teachers in the school
- Mr. Gabriel said it's very hard to hire teacher's for only Punjabi language, all we can do is encourage teachers to apply

- Mr. Bondi said there has been missed opportunities to hire Punjabi teachers, Mr. Bondi stated that both him and Dr. Godden realize that more Punjabi speaking teachers are needed here
- Parents feel that we need more Punjabi speaking teachers in the building so the students can connect with them, will be good role models especially for the boys
- Parents don't attend meetings or parent teacher interviews because of language barriers
- a parent expressed concern that there's a teacher who makes inappropriate comments towards the boys
- another parent expressed concern that some teachers are not encouraging students to have parents attend parent teacher interviews (instead they are saying that your parents don't need to attend)
- a parent made a comment that we had some really good teachers that decided to transfer to other schools
- Mr. Gabriel said the admin has no control over when a teacher wants to transfer to another school, sometimes it's disappointing but not much the admin can do
- Ivon Gill asked for a Punjabi translation of the school newsletter
- this year's parent teacher interviews were not very inviting for the parents, there was no emailed links to setup meets or any other info for parents that they should get in touch with their child's teacher if they have concerns
- PAC and the admin feel we need more parent involvement in the school, need to look into how we can get more parents in the building

OTHER:

- Ivon Gill asked about how the complaint process works
- Mr. Gabriel said-parents talk to teacher first, if not satisfied than talk to admin
- school can arrange a Punjabi translation for parents if needed

Ivon Gill motion to adjourn meeting and seconded by Karm Mahal

Adjournment at 8:57pm

Next meeting December 3 @7pm via zoom

Minutes submitted by: Baljit Sangha