

SCC Minutes- Feb 17/21

**Attendees:** Tracey Running, Cheryl Wellwood, Christine Upton, Jon Lepage, Liz Wrigley, Steven Cho, Donna Bingleman, Teagan Handley (DPHN), Janet Miller, Jananthan Maheswarajah, Rhonda Smith, Lisa Aunger, Leigh Morton, Erin Robinson, Sherry Pepler, Michelle Francis-Smith, Mary L

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

## **Focus: Mental Health and Well-Being**

### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

### **2. SCC Chairs and General Business**

- previous minutes approved and posted to website
- email agenda items may be sent to SCC email: [scc201@scc.ddsbc.ca](mailto:scc201@scc.ddsbc.ca)
- SCC chairs will follow up with any emails and requested agenda items

### **3. Health and Safety Update (Teagan Handley (DPHN))**

- recognizing that situation continues to evolve and information continues to be shared
- DPH trying to do their best to support students with mental health
- social environment of school is very important and DPH is wanting students to be able to stay in school
- protocols have recently changed because of the variants that have recently emerged in Ontario
- most important part of the variants is that some can be much more transmissible- what we are doing is working, but we need to continue to be very diligent
- very important to ensure self-screening happens at home- students must be screening before leaving the house
- shared that masks should be as protective as possible
  - medical officer indicates 2 layer masks continue to be acceptable, if new masks are purchased, three layer masks are great
  - neck gaiters are not recommended as they are very thin and you can pull them up and down too easily
  - masks with vents are also not recommended

### **4. Mental Health and Well-Being for Students (Ms Wellwood)**

- shared mental health resources available
- importance of checking in, listening to student
- being advocate and encourage them to reach out
- <https://smho-smso.ca/>
- jack.org

### **5. Student Community Council Report (Steven Cho)**

- Redhawk room
- Virtual Support Hub
- went through our student site that is for students to support students in their mental health
- <https://sites.google.com/ddsbstudent.ca/redhawkroom/home>

### **6. Principal Report (Ms Running) Quadmester Changes**

- **Quadmester 3** - February 2nd, 2021
- **Quadmester 2 Final Report Card** - February 11th, 2021
- **Calendar Changes** - moved March Break to April 12th week
- **Board Designated Holiday** - March 12th, 2021

#### **EQAO and OSSLT Update**

- EQAO
  - Grade 9 EQAO did NOT run in Quad 1 or Quad 2
  - Not looking to run Quad 3 or 4
- OSSLT
  - The literacy graduation requirement will be waived for all students graduating during the 2020-21 school year.
  - Field Test this year-not sure if running, more info TBD

#### **Commencement 2021**

- With restrictions, Graduation has been moved to the Fall; not scheduled yet.

#### **Black History Month - All February**

- Black Excellence DDSB Challenge-Black Canadian Leaders and Activists
- Sharing Daily Announcements: leaders and Canadian Musicians
- Dwayne Morgan Assembly - March 1st, 2021 Block 4

**Parent Engagement Series:** How to Talk to your Children about Anti-Black Racism, Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7-9pm

- Join acclaimed writer, thought leader, social media influencer and DDSB parent, Ms Bee Quammie as she shares her thoughts on how to talk to our children about anti-Black racism. Ms Quammie will deliver a keynote presentation and will then host a Question and Answer session.
- To register please go to our website or DDSB or:  
[https://ddsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716111629436/WN\\_5bO39lhrSKuz7tV1ZgrX3Q](https://ddsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716111629436/WN_5bO39lhrSKuz7tV1ZgrX3Q)

#### **Jack.org Presentations: Feb 23 and 25, 2021**

- presentation to empower young leaders to revolutionize Mental Health-brought by our Safe Schools and Wellbeing team
- give students mental health resources, students learn how to take care of their own mental health

- **Be the Voice! (Ms Auger & Ms Morton)**

-held virtually December 2020

-held during Flextime, was an opt-in opportunity for students

-focus was on Student Voice and how Students feel their voice is heard, Covid 19, Hybrid learning

-students shared that they feel connected to classroom / school

-students are appreciative of any interactive activities (jamboards, polls, questions), spirit days, a few minutes at the start and end of class to socialize

-mask breaks

-students feel that teachers are being sympathetic to their circumstances

-school social media accounts are allowing students to feel a connection

-students shared how they felt around Covid protocols

-appreciative of staff enforcing masks and spacing

-overall students feel safe

-students are anxious in the hallways during congestive times (dismissal times have been

staggered as a result)

-students are struggling with the hybrid learning model, but feel mostly staff are sympathetic to the challenges

**1. Guidance Report (Ms Auger)**

-course selection has moved from Career Cruising to MyBluePrint

-students sign in using their DDSB Student credentials

-videos have been emailed home for each grade

-course selection- opened February 16, 2021 @9am and will close on March 3rd at 4pm

-parents / guardians are able to select in-person classes or synchronous virtual classes for 21/22- they must select all virtual or all in person

-guidance counsellors are all available for support, and also have drop in help sessions every Tuesday / Thursday until March 2

Information is available here: <https://sites.google.com/ddsb.ca/ocvicourseselection202122/home>

**2. Teacher Report (Ms Upton)**

-Indigenous Student Circle has been running virtually

-virtual conversations for staff

**3. Important Upcoming Dates**

Events	Dates
Black History Month	All February
Jack.org Presentations	February 23 Block 2 & 25 Block 4
Pink Shirt Day	February 24, 2021
Dwayne Morgan	March 1, 2021, Block 3
Midterm Quadmester 2 T1 (this is subject to change with movement of March Break)	March 9, 2021
Board Designated Holiday	March 12, 2021
Mark Display on Parent Portal	March 23, 2021
April Break	April 12 to April 16, 2021
Quad 3 Ends	April 20, 2021
Credit Completion	April 21, 2021

**4. Next Meeting- April 25th, 2021, 7pm (Virtual)**

**Motion to Adjourn- 8:07pm**