

DR. FOLKINS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

1. Student Count

- We have 101 students including 11ECS, - not in the count are 2 students registered with SOL (one of which hopes to be back second semester). 3 students Home schooling through another division, hope to be back next year. 1 student Home schooling and won't be coming back.

2. New Staff needed in the upcoming months

- Grade 5/6 end of October
- Jr/Sr ELA mid January

3. Programs/Projects

- We have cancelled anything with shared/communal food at the moment
- Breakfast program is on hold but may do the "fruit to go" and let teachers distribute to their morning class.
- Monthly birthday recognition – will still happen, students will receive a birthday pencil
- Wall of Fame still happening, but everyone gets a sucker no picking through the candy box
- A virtual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, individual classes groupings may go out in their PE period, but no large school event.
- Orange Shirt Day – Normally Sept 30th we have moved it to Monday September 28th, people will be doing things in their classrooms.
- Picture Day – September 30th – no class picture
- Swimming has been cancelled/postponed for the up coming October dates. May happen in the Spring.
- Awards Ceremony will be Oct 22nd It will be a virtual one, with winners on the TV screens, as well as SRC members and myself going class to class to present.
- Video Conferencing - Receiving Math 30-2 , Sending Math 30-1

4. Athletics

- Volleyball Teams – Junior Boys just practicing as not enough for a team, Junior Girls have enough but can't play anywhere as yet. Senior Girls practicing here and combined with Edgerton girls, waiting to see if they will be playing in a small cohort of other local teams. Sr. Boys – have to play at Edgerton
- Currently Athletics is in a holding pattern

5. PL Days

- PL days will be held on Fridays throughout the year as shown on the Calendar. The next one is Oct 23th.

6. Budget/ BTPS

- How schools are funded is dramatically different now. It is based on enrollment over 3 years, not credits earned. The impact of that is immense as if a student takes a SOL course it cost 50.00 a credit. Taking a Lakeland course is 360.00 for 3 credits. This is money that has to come directly from the budget are charged to parents if they wish their child to take these courses. For this year with the help of Repsol we can offer a student up to 2 Lakeland courses, and if a student is taking a SOL course they need to graduate that we don't offer (ie Science 30), the school will pay the fee. If the student is taking an elective type course or a academic that we offer the parent/student will pay the 50.00 a credit fee.

7. Student Support Services

- Learning Support Teams - LST is a BTPS initiative to bring in expertise regularly to help build teacher/school staff instructional capacity in the classroom. The team may look different this year as AHS is no longer available in schools. So OT, Speech etc. must be initiated by the parents and not the school.
- Mental Health – this program has been cut from the schools. There are help line numbers for kids to call
- Social Emotional Coaches (SEC) – Stacie Bakken will be in our school ½ days on Thursdays.

8. SJC

- Have had a meeting, and looking into what they can do in a COVID world.
- *Food Bank & Christmas Gifts*

9. SRC

- Have had two meetings and are just in the start of planning how to do things for the school with the restrictions.
- *Spirit Week next week*

10. Grade 9's will not have their Party Program day at the Miscordia because of COVID