

PIC Meeting:

Attendance: Crystal Bevens-Leblanc, Joy Morning, Ethel, Robin Hutcheon, Constance Carriere-Prill, Scot Gillam, Mark Foster, Tanya Lighthart, Shayla Bradley, Shawna, Virginia Venditti, Michelle Yeo, Sandy's iPhone, Ethel, Rena Petrick, Jennifer Kehoe, Shawna Greyling, Emberly, Tracy McVicker, Kim T, Elizabeth Sund, Jim Jodoin, Tom Mahoney, Cheryl

Welcome and land acknowledgement: Scot Gillam.

Reporting/Communication Protocol for positive cases: Scot says the Ministry has not provided updates yet. If we don't have one by the time school starts, KFL&A will likely enact their own protocols. When the school board has the information it will be shared with the community as soon as possible. There is an expectation that public health has to be able to track you down and there are a few avenues for this to happen. Scot is confident we have ways to get in touch with everyone that we need to. The level of contact tracing is extremely rigorous so we will have ways to isolate positive cases.

Questions submitted by PIC to Public Health: many of the questions submitted are based on the outbreak protocol so Dr. Moore has the questions but the answers are not ready to go yet. Staff are touring schools to ensure signage is in place. Many of these questions will be moved over to the FAQ. All schools will be receiving ventilation reports this week. E-learning info is coming.

- On the ministry website it says attendance is voluntary and that boards should be prepared to offer remote learning. Scot will get clarification, but he thinks it is a parental right at any time to withdraw a student from school.
- Who are the admin for remote learners? Do you connect with former admin for support? Scot says it should hopefully be answered soon.

Thank you to Director Burra for acknowledging and responding quickly to community concerns around online families feeling disconnected from their home schools. Scot says more information is coming.

- Is there a plan for continuation of school councils? Yes, but the focus right now is just getting back to school with students and families. Admin will be reaching out with families to see how people are doing and to keep those connections.
- There is a communication plan in place to inform principals and trustees about the change in secondary quadesters. The Ministry denied the LDSB plan on Saturday and more updates are coming.
- If parents were to organize among themselves to do alternate days or bi-weekly schedules would that have an impact to their attendance? Scot says he can take it back to staff and see what people think. Everything is on the table right now.
- Are teachers able to decide whether they want to stream their lessons? Scot will check.
- PIC requests that the board create a Virtual Parent Engagement Committee comprised of Virtual Admin & PIC. More information will come.

SAC September Meetings: Elections usually happen around the third week of school, might be wise to push those back because of staggered re-entry dates.

- Strongly Encouraging School Councils to Create a Remote Learning Rep: that way the online families can still feel represented and connected back to the school. Concerns about families who are in wait-and-see mode, not officially signed up for remote learning but waiting a week or two to figure out what's best for their family. Scot says communication will be ongoing but more information will be passed on to families soon. If there is a rep they have to be actively engaged.

- Crystal has been trying to track down people from each council to communicate with. Scot has a list but can't share, although it's probably time to refresh the list. Scot and Crystal will work offline to communicate with councils about PIC.

Outreach Committee: Currently the outreach is Crystal. Looking for volunteers to enhance communication (newsletters, etc). Shayla is happy to help out. Jennifer Kehoe volunteers.

Provincial PIC Letter/Statement to Ministry of Education: Crystal has connected with other PICs across Ontario, and have established an official group. They are lobbying to the Ministry to recognize the Ontario PIC Connection as an official partner.

Menstrual Products in School: Trustee Elliott says he has brought it up in the past, and currently Student Trustee Putnam is on it – she's collecting data at the ground level to see how different schools are handling menstrual products. When she is finished collecting data, she'll come back to the board for discussion.

Other business: Crystal says Jimmy Hassan is looking for participants in his TV show. She has support from other PIC members, with the reminder that the PIC doesn't speak for the Limestone District School Board.

PIC Election must be held by November 15. Crystal would like to hold an election in September or October. Scot says that shouldn't be a problem, we can check bylaws to amend any conflicts if necessary.

Scot recommends adding a September meeting into the calendar. Scot will coordinate with Crystal for a new date.