**Salmo Secondary School**

PAC Meeting June 15, 2020

Principal’s Report

*Mission: “We focus on excellence for all learners in a nurturing environment”*

*Vision: Focus. Learn. Excel*

**Highlights**

A huge highlight this month was grad. Despite the challenges due to COVID, we were able to host an in-person ceremony for our grads. Small groups of families attended an intimate gathering and parents were able to present the certificates to their children. Many speeches were presented via video, and the teachers did a special video presentation wishing the grads many happy returns. It was a very special day.

Another highlight was having students return to the building on a partial and voluntary basis. Grades were invited in on different days of the week, and whole group activities were planned. Students were also able to receive direct instruction to assist with work completion. We were pleased to see many students engaging in their coursework and enjoying being together. Each day began and ended with a circle and these prompted rich discussions with one another.

1. **Health and Safety**

To welcome students back in the building in June, there have been updated protocols and signage. All students needed to be pre-registered to attend, and had health checks before entering the building. The system worked well, and we had less than the allowed 20% of student population in the building each day.

1. **Providing care for children of Essential Service Workers**

This service continued at the elementary school.

1. **Continuing provision for vulnerable and special needs students**

Food cards will continue until the end of June. Our focused support has been for students at risk of being behind. These students were invited personally by teachers to come into the building in June, even more frequently than once per week. This has supported many of our students. Of course, this included any grades 10-12 students who needed to complete certain courses that were grad requirements.

1. **Continuity of learning**

There has been a good routine of a hybrid learning model. Teachers have continued to post work online to the google classroom platform, as well as provide direct instruction. Teachers have taken turns planning large group activities with grade cohorts, and this has been a highlight.

The Gr. 12 students wrote their required numeracy assessment. This is a requirement for graduation. These went well and all students completed.

Finally, we have been working on Gr. 6 transitions. Small groups have had tours of the building with elementary and secondary school staff. We look forward to welcoming our new Gr. 7 students in the fall!

**Projects in Process**

1. Timetable/course selection – This is still in process, but coming together well. Course selections will go out soon, and we hope to have timetables out by the end of June, if not the last week of August.
2. Continued cleaning out of rooms – We are taking the opportunity to continue cleaning out and organizing areas of the school.

**Moving forward**

Next year I will be assigned full time to Salmo Elementary School. Mr. Jon Francis will be joining the Salmo Secondary team. Thank you all so much for your support this year. It has been wonderful getting to know you and being a part of the school community!

**Coming up…**

Report cards will be issued June 26. They will be mailed home.

**Requests/Questions for PAC**

Thank you for your continued support during this time!