**Salmo Secondary School**

PAC Meeting May 25, 2020

Principal’s Report

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

*Vision: Focus. Learn. Excel*

**Highlights**

As we have moved forward this spring, we have continued to adhere to the four basic principles as set out by the Minster of Education in March.

1. **Health and Safety**

Our health and safety committee continue to meet weekly and update health and safety standards, as necessary. They have recently been working on site safety plans for a welcome of students in June.

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

As a high school, we are not a site for essential service workers. However, we are working closely with the elementary school as part of this service.

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

Rather than being an ESW site, we have been open for on-site support for students who need one to one support in their studies to complete the year well. Students have been invited by their teachers and our school based team to come to the school by appointment for such support.

Our meal program and partnership with SCRS continues to function smoothly and we update our services weekly, dependent on family need.

1. **Continuity of learning**

Our teachers have settled into a good routine of online delivery. Students are engaging in coursework through google classroom and some continue to collect paper copies.

A focus recently has been on students who are at risk of not completing their courses and in particular, our Gr. 12 graduates. We have been supporting them to complete their graduation requirements and prepare for their numeracy exam.

**Projects in Process**

1. June 1 optional return – A lot of planning has gone into what a partial and voluntary return to school could look like. Staff have been collaborating on the best way to provide educational services to students one day per week. We have settled on inviting grade cohorts into the building each day. Whole group instruction will be planned, and during that time, students will be able to have appointments with their course instructors, depending on need. We are really looking forward to seeing students again!
2. Timetable/course selection – A survey was recently sent out to Grades 10-12 students to collect information for course selection. Our team will be reviewing and sending out selections before the end of June.
3. Athletic room – We have been using this time to clean out and organize some spaces in the school. The athletic room has been one such space. Equipment and uniforms have been organized and the space has now been set up to be more functional.
4. Physical literacy grant – We received a physical literacy grant and were able to purchase $3000 worth of equipment for our PE department. This will enhance our offerings to students and provide opportunity for increased physical literacy. Maintenance has been supporting us to install new equipment and storage facilities.

**Moving forward**

Mr. Jon Francis, the incoming Principal, will be on-site each week to begin to make a transition to Salmo Secondary School. He is looking forward to getting to know staff and students and plan for a successful September start up.

He will be working on the timetable and course selections and hopes to have it to students before the end of June.

**Coming up…**

Gr. 12 Graduation – We won’t be able to host a grad as in past years. However, there will be several ways we will be honouring our Gr. 12 Graduates.

1. There will be a billboard in the community with pictures of all our grads
2. We are creating a digital ceremony that will be shared with all grads and the community. Grads will have the opportunity to participate in the filming of the digital ceremony.
3. Staff will have a special honouring contribution to the digital production.

We are working towards making this time special for our students who have worked so hard over the years!

**Requests/Questions for PAC**

Thank you for your continued support during this time!