**Salmo Secondary School**

PAC Meeting April 20, 2020

Principal’s Report

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

*Vision: Focus. Learn. Excel*

**Highlights**

As we have had to move forward after spring break in this very unique situation, we have adhered to these four basic principles:

1. **Health and Safety**

All our **custodians** have been working very hard at terminal cleaning of our buildings. Additionally, we have created a site safety plan that follows all health and safety recommendations. Proper cleanliness and physical distancing protocols are being followed.

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

All elementary schools in the district are now open to provide educational care for children of essential service workers in grades K-6. Salmo Elementary opened as a site last week.

Now that service to essential service workers has been provided, secondary schools are opening to provide service to students who need one to one support in order to finish courses required for graduation. Salmo Secondary students are being invited if they need this additional support. Teachers and EA’s will be available to assist students with coursework and access to internet and technology will be provided. All established health and safety protocols will be followed, and it is expected that students will be healthy and have been physically distancing prior to being invited into the building. Please let us know if your child may need access to this service.

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

All services to our special needs students are maintained and continuing, though with different delivery. Additionally, through a partnership with Salmo Community Services, we are continuing our food service program to families via weekly grocery cards. The school is greatly appreciative of any financial support the Salmo Secondary PAC could contribute.

1. **Continuity of learning**

Teachers have been very busy planning alternate delivery of instruction. They have provided weekly plans that are simple, flexible and responsive. The needs of individual families are considered and adaptations are being made to accommodate every situation. To this end, elective courses for grades 7-9 are optional due to the focus for learning being on literacy and numeracy and core subject competencies. All courses are being delivered via google classroom and some classes are holding face to face meetings via Google Meets or zoom.

A focus has been to ensure that all Gr. 12’s will have enough credits to graduate. Support is being provided to those who need it. We are waiting to hear from the Ministry of Education regarding when the numeracy exam will be rescheduled.

Grad ceremonies have been cancelled in the district, so we will be meeting with the 2019/20 grads to determine an alternate event. Additionally, support is being provided to liaise with post-secondary institutions to help plan for transitions.

Technology loan program – for those families who do not have access to technology to fully engage in their learning programs, please let us know. We have been loaning out our chromebooks for this purpose.

**Projects in Process**

1. **Student belongings**.- We have sent home most belongings, though there are some still left. We will be contacting individual families to collect their child’s belongings.
2. **Paper based copies** – Some students require paper based copies or resources for the learning plans. We have a team in the school who are gathering, producing, copying resources for distribution. This will be ongoing as some of these are required on a weekly basis. A schedule has been set up for pick up arrangements.
3. **Teacher pages** on the website have been set up as a general repository for teacher resources. If you don’t know where to look, please visit our school staff page first for assistance: <https://salsec.sd8.bc.ca/about/staff>

**Moving forward**

1. Grad numeracy exams and graduation
2. 2020/21 School Planning – This has been postponed due to COVID planning. However, we will continue to move forward from here.
   1. Jon Francis, incoming Principal will be involved in planning
   2. Planning for course selections and staffing is starting

**Coming up…**

**Requests/Questions for PAC**

A request has been made for PAC to contribute to our food service program.