

PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Special Meeting
August 7, 2020
Via ZOOM

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dun and Ta’an Kwach’an First Nation people and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”

Present:	Council Members:	Administration:
	Dale Cheeseman: Chair	Peter Giangrande: Principal
	Deanna McLeod	Nicole Cross: Vice Principal
	Misty Ticiniski	Candice Deo: Vice Principal
	Don Fitzsimmons	
	Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

Regrets: Jennifer Kozmen: Council Member
Sean Smith: Council Member
Andrew Robulack: Council Member
William Carlick: Council Member
Amanda Leas: Council Member

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:04PM.

There were roundtable discussions with reference to the opening of the school and the Operational Plan.

The YTA and the Dept. of Education added another PD Day to the beginning of the school year, making August 20th, the first day of school. This will give the staff the 19th a day to get ready, go through the protocols, such as: sanitizing, etc.

The Grade 8 orientation is to be on Aug. 19th, at 1 – 2:15PM.

A letter was sent to parents from the Principal to advise them of this.

Discussions on the operation plan:

It was advised that the school is not at zero risk, as in the past there have been things such as influenza, measles, etc. These were always at the school (all schools).

It is anticipated that the flu season will come in the fall, however, it is hoped that with all the sanitizing going on, it will be hopefully lessened.

There will be physical distancing, hand washing, sanitizing, staggered lunches and breaks.

The grade 8 students will be dismissed a few minutes earlier than the rest of the students.
The gr. 8 bell schedule has been provided.

Per. 1: 8-40 – 9:59

Transition: 9:59 – 10:04

Per. 2: 10:04 – 11:30

Lunch

Supervised Per. 2 class: 11:30 – 12:15

Instructional: 11:50 – 12:15

Per. 3: Instructional 12:15 – 1:13

Lunch to be eaten in classrooms

Transition: 1:35 – 1:40

Per. 4: Brain break 1:40 – 1:46

Instructional block 1:46 – 3:04

This is for Gr. 8, 9

Lunch can be provided from the cafeteria; however it will be prepared, wrapped and brought to the classrooms. This will include wrapped sandwiches, cookies, etc.

Gr. 10 – 12:

Last name start with A – K, Day 1

8:40 – 9:50

9:50 – 9:55 Block A, transition

9:55 – 11:05 Day 1, Block B (last name start A – K)

11:05 – 12:45 – Lunch/online block

Last name start with L - Z

12:45 – 1:55

1:55 – 2:00 transition

2:00 – 3:10

Last name start with A – K, Day 2

8:40 – 9:50

9:50 – 9:55 transition

9:55 – 11:05

Afternoon: Last name start with L – Z
11:05 – 12:45 Lunch/online block
12:45 – 1:55
1:55 – 2:00 transition
2:00 – 3:10

On day 1, students with the name starting A – K attend A Block.
B Block class (A – K) then leave school.
Afternoon: A Block (L – Z)
Day 2, A – K attend in the Morning (Semester 1)
In Semester 2, A – K attend in the afternoon.

Blended families will be considered in their request as to when the student attends.
The goal is to keep fewer students in the building as much as possible.

On line learning, with have more variety using 21st Century learning. This opportunity is there for the students to use. There are 30 spots at the school to make sure there are enough teachers all day plus an EA to give support when needed. The support centre is behind the library.

Masks: Face masks, plus face shields will be used due to safety issues in the Metal shop. As well, masks will be provided in the esthetics class as well. Cloth masks are to be used.

Wearing masks is to protect other people. |
There will be no couches, no tables or chairs in the foyer.
Inside classrooms only desks and chairs and these will be assigned.
Dept. is providing sanitizing station. Will be 1 – foot operating one. There will also be 98ml. bottles of sanitizers around the school, approx. 600 to give to students to use. There will be sanitizing stations in each class. 500 ml. bottles to be used to enter or exit the school

Hydrogen peroxide products are to be used at the school by custodians.
Custodians will sanitize all door knobs, light switches
Chris Stacey, Superintendent, will track to see how much money is being used to do what needs to be done and hopefully reimburse school with same.
Dale C. inquired about the eye wash stations at the school: Are there extra ones? Especially in the Chem. Lab and the wood shop, metal shop. And perhaps have bottles instead of spray ones.
Hand washing is very important and will be emphasized.

Discipline: Will be dealt with on a case by case basis when it happens.
Vaping/smoking: This will be dealt with as it happens. And staff will do the best they can.

Wood Street. They are enclaved to the rear of the school (west side). Rooms 134 and 136 are provided to them and are the closest to band room and drama room.

D. Hayes is the Principal for Wood Street. He may have an office in the bldg. There will be access to the band and drama room only if it is not used by PC students and staff.

Lab time – Exp. Science 11 – ES11, maybe within the PC Schools.
Portables are ready to be used by the Wood Street School.

SASE will not be used by Wood St. Centre;
Movers have brought stuff from Wood St. to PC to be set up.

Porter Creek School cannot offer 100% on line as they will be teaching students at the school as well.

There is more flexibility for the Gr. 10 – 12 students.
Parents have the option to either let students attend school or be on line.

Whitehorse Transit tickets will still be offered.

There were roundtable discussions at this time.
Operations plan to be submitted to dept.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Dale Cheeseman: Chair

Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer