

School Council Meeting Jan 26 2021

The first school council meeting of the New Year was held on Jan 26th through zoom. Some of the items discussed were.

- The Chairpersons position will be vacant next year. If you are interested in being chair of our school council or have questions about what is involved please let us know through email at ecksparentcouncil@gmail.com. We would also welcome everyone to join us at our next meeting that is to be held Feb 23rd via zoom
- The administration let us know that students seem to be returning to the normal school routines easily after online learning.
- Dividing the year into quarters was discussed. As well as the survey about the quarter system that was sent out by BRSD. The current quarter system is facilitating transitioning students between online and in class learning easily. Questions were asked by parents about the transition between online and in person and what that looks like. In the quarter system, Grade six students get four report cards instead of the three they received in previous years.
- As of the day of the meeting 11 students were moving from online to in person learning and 2 were moving from in person to online
- The cancelation of hockey academy and soccer academy were discussed.
- The cancelation of the academies have allowed for some changes to the timetable and teacher assignments. The school looked at the data and felt that added support for literacy and numeracy would benefit the students.
- The staff are planning for the transition of the grade 8's to the High School and the Grade 5's at the elementary schools to ECKS. They will be working with the other schools in order to prepare the kids as much as they can under the current restrictions. As of the meeting 182 kids are moving from ECKS to the ECCHS and approx. 145 kids will be coming to ECKS in grade six next year.
- Parent council offered many suggestions and ideas as to how this could be done during a year affected by Covid. Some of them based on their own experiences with their children transitioning to a new school during Covid.
- At the last meeting parent council approved the use of \$2000 of parent council funds to purchase outdoor equipment, so that every class can have their own set of equipment for use during recess. The school gave an update that they are working with local businesses to purchase this equipment and hope to have it available to the students soon.
- Digital citizenship has been a focus in the school. The administration is continuing to work with students and staff to encourage and teach good digital citizenship. Parents asked several questions about specific problems that the staff might see regarding digital citizenship
- The staff expressed their happiness that parents are reaching out to the school with concerns and questions they have and they encourage all parents to contact the school if they have any questions.

Attending a parent council meeting is a great way to meet your administrative team, learn and ask questions about school activities, and feel connected to your child's school. We would love to see more parents join us via zoom at the next parent council meeting on Feb 23rd at 7pm.