

Wetaskiwin Composite High School
PAC Meeting October 7, 2020 Via Zoom Meeting

1. **Introduction to Theresa Armstrong, Vocational Coach** – As a vocational coach, Theresa will be working with our Senior High students to ensure they have the right credits to graduate. She will also be helping students to set up MyPass accounts in order for them to access copies of their transcripts. Students can also consult with her when they apply to college/university/vocational schools. Students will be shown how to use MyBlueprint so they are able to compare college and university programs; and, finally, Theresa will be coordinating the Green Certificate and RAP programs at WCHS. She will also be servicing the Outreach School, Pigeon Lake Regional and Buck Mountain Regional schools. Theresa is with us each week every Wednesday and Thursday. She has met with 80 Grade 12 students so far. She will continue until November and then will start meeting with our Grade 11 students. Parents, if you are interested, you can contact Theresa to field questions or to set up a meeting with her. Theresa is also setting up a virtual career fair this year. Information can be found on our school web site www.wetaskiwincomp.ca under Menu > Programs > Post Secondary and Beyond. You can also contact Theresa at Theresa.armstrong@wrps11.ca.

2. **School Start-up**
 - Students having been doing well and are getting used to the new normal this year.
 - Students are also getting used to the new class quarter system.
 - We projected 915 students at the start of the school year. We are presently at 859 students, as 79 students have opted for the at-home learning program. As a result, two of our teachers were transferred to the at-home learning program.
 - Grade 9 class sizes are generally in the low 20s.
 - We have reduced staff by 6 teachers, 2 educational assistants and 1 office admin assistant.
 - Vice-principals: Mr. DeMone is overseeing Gr 9/10 students and Mr. Willmott will be working with Gr 11/12 students.

3. **COVID-19**
 - We had a positive case with a small group of students two weeks ago at the school. This small cohort was quarantined, along with one teacher and two educational assistants.
 - Lessons Learned:
 - o Screening: If people are feeling ill, they need to stay home.
 - o AHS flowchart has been shared with parents. This flowchart outlines the steps to determine if students stay home, and if they need to get a COVID-19 test.
 - o When a student has symptoms at school, we will respond to determine if a student needs to go home. If a student is sick, they cannot be in the building.
 - o Not having lockers has made a big difference in keeping students physically distanced.
 - o Lunchtime – Grades 9/10 and Grades 11/12 have staggered lunchtimes. Students have been going outside with the nice weather. As the weather gets colder, we will have more students in the building. We will ensure more spaces are available once the weather gets colder.

- Students Missing School – We do not want students falling behind if they are quarantined. Teachers will be contacting students via school email and Google Classroom to ensure lessons are communicated and assignments are given.
4. PowerSchool
 - Similar to last year, traditional report cards will not be sent home.
 - An email will be sent out to parents once term marks are prepared by teachers indicating that marks are ready for viewing.
 - We will send out a step-by-step “how-to document” to assist parents in accessing the report period mark and teacher comments.
 5. Parent-Teacher Interviews
 - Due to pandemic regulations, parents will not be able to come to the school for face-to-face parent-teacher interviews.
 - Parents can speak with teachers using Google Meet or via telephone.
 - Teachers will provide 10-minute slots.
 - We will send out a communication outlining how and when these meetings will be conducted.
 6. Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams (DIPs)
 - Edmonton Public Schools are cancelling PATs. Also looking at opting out of DIPs for Grade 12 students.
 - Grade 9 Social and Science PATs have been cancelled throughout the province for this school year.
 - Principals have been asked if they want Grade 9s to write the Math and LA PATs.
 - We see value for our school to conduct the PAT assessments, as it provides us with information regarding student performance in LA and Math.
 7. Adjournment: 8:17 pm
 8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 @7:00 pm via Zoom. Please call the school if you do not receive an invite to this upcoming meeting.