

School Council Meeting April 7th Minutes

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March – Grade 10 MCAS postponed

April – Career Fair was canceled

Washington DC trip has been postponed until June

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Online Instruction

Online instruction is going very well. The district had a head start on the planning which made for a smooth transition with all staff and students.

Other districts were not as prepared as we were, being slightly behind us with online instruction.

We have 7-8 students without internet access currently.

Most of our teachers were set up with google classroom beforehand so this made this easier on them.

Some students and staff have found this online learning to be significantly stressful. A survey went out to students so we could get feedback on how things were going for them.

70 – 80% of our students are signing on to complete their online instruction.

We are hoping to close out term 3 the Friday before vacation. Students at this time should be doing

approximately 2-3 hours a day of schoolwork.

Plans for Terms 3 & 4

Students will have until March 13th to pass in work for term 3. Term 4 will start the 27th unless we work through April vacation. If we work through April vacation, term 4 would start on the 22nd of April.

Mr. Palladino will share a FAQ form with all parents and students.

Final Exams

Mr. Palladino would like to cancel all final exams. Less stress for the students.

He would like them to focus on term 4 and receive more instruction time. That way students would have more recovery time.

Another option would be if students in grades 8-12 who scored an 80 or better in a class would not have to take the final exam for the class.

Scholarships

Scholarships have been emailed and posted on Naviance for all seniors to have access.

50% of our seniors will receive scholarships.

Some scholarships do not receive enough applicants, hope this does not have impact on our students.

Mr. Janicki has been very helpful to families throughout this process.

Potential Options

Prom – The advisor has 5 alternate dates if needed.

Mr. Palladino is hoping all senior events take place when they are planned.

We will have to wait until we see what happens after May 4th

Ann Pearle offered out her venue to seniors if needed.

Other

Make some adjustments to curriculum for when we return late August.

The start of the year may need reviewing from the prior year due to lost instruction.

Parents would like to see instruction continue through April.

If staff were to work April vacation, we would get out by June 15th

Hopefully, savings in budget with no school with heat, electricity, consumable for labs and School supplies.

Food service will be helping feed the elderly.