

**École du Pacifique**  
**Réunion APE – PAC Meeting via ZOOM**  
**« Safe Return to School » Minutes from Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
**To watch recording:**

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**Present :**

Roger Lagassé (SD93 Trustee), Mélanie Vallières (Principal), Ione Smith (PAC Chair), Tanya Staunton (PAC Treasurer), Jennifer Garden (Comite de Partenaires), Robyn Anderson (PAC Secretary), parent attendees

**1. Welcome and introductions: Ione Smith (PAC President)**

- every one introduces themselves and states connection to school/children attending

**2. Update School COVID Safety Plan : Mélanie Vallières (Principal)**

- full staff this year (all positions are filled)
- bussing – opening windows, frequent cleaning, spread kids out, recommend K-3 to wear mask, mandatory for Gr.4-7
- school entry – check symptoms daily, if kids or staff are sick – must stay home
- masks – all staff, visitors and Gr.4-12 must wear mask indoors, K-3 is recommended but not mandatory
- \*if there is a reason (medical/mental health) accommodations will be made
- not necessary to wear mask while strenuous exercise, eating and outside
- teachers work very hard to maintain excellent hand hygiene with selves and students
- don't need to be 2m apart this year, but emphasis on maintaining personal space
- school visitors must make appointment first – but phone calls are preferred
- if child is at school and starts to have symptoms, procedures are followed – separate space for child to wait for parent to pick up
- if someone tests positive for Covid at school, this situation will be managed by Health department who will decide who gets contacted etc...
- protocols will be followed for guests
- school activities will be 'safe' – distanced etc..
- doors assigned for classes to enter/exit
- lunch and snacks – must wash hands, no microwave, no sharing food (birthday cakes etc...)
- may be sports teams/clubs
- ventilation/air circulation have been updated this summer, windows will be opened
- school and high touch areas will be cleaned at least once a day
- parents must do daily health check for children (use app to help guide)
- hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be reinforced by teachers
- no cohorts this year – students can mix freely (while maintaining safe space) inside and outside

- school supplies – provided by school
- please don't allow children to bring toys from home
- Safety Plan will be posted on school website and by email later next week

### **3. Update on CSF COVID-related safety measures: Roger Lagasse (Conseiller/Trustee)**

- welcome to Melanie
- thanks for PAC for participation in getting local field trips approved last year and for advocating for heterogenous model for secondary students

### **4. Q&A: all**

- *new portable – what's it for?*
  - SD46 has reclaimed some of the EDP library space
  - portable will be used for support staff to do prep, collaboration
- *assemblies – will there be whole school assemblies this year together?*
  - yes, all students can be together this year
- *masks during physical education class – why don't they have to wear during all time?*
  - Melanie will look into it
- *What role will the school play in rolling out vaccines (once under 12s become eligible)?*
  - Melanie: not school role, public health's role
  - Roger: no vaccinations in school as far as he knows
  - Jennifer Garden – maybe public health nurses will vaccinate as part of regular vaccination program
- *How can communication be improved when parents cannot come into school and when it's lunchtime and it's not the teachers in the room?*
  - Melanie: encourage teachers to communicate, contact teacher directly and you could make appointment to come in. She will talk to EAs about that.
- *When it's recess time and kids are spread out, will there be more staff outside to supervise?*
  - no more staff is necessary, enough outside
- *Will there be any in-person 'meet and greets' or shows this year?*
  - not at this point
- *Covid numbers are rising, the Delta variant is much more transmissible, there are some schools that are creating a culture of 'mask wearing' for K-3 even though not required. Will that be the case at EDP?*
  - Melanie – it will be encouraged but not forcing students to do it
  - mask is not only protection... hand hygiene, spacing, ventilation are important too
  - as a family you can decide for your child Grade 3 and under
  - Parent comment: last year her child was not encouraged even though she was wearing one
- *Required vaccination for staff?*
  - Melanie – it's not mandated by government, we have to respect individual rights, schools have safe protocols

- Roger – parents cannot ask teachers if they're vaccinated and teachers can't ask students if they're vaccinated
- Freedom of choice – it's not required
- *How often do you suggest children change their mask during the day?*
  - masks are available at school to change if needed
  - most kids wear one for the whole day that they brought from home
  - if mask gets dirty, suggest to change them
- *will higher risk activity be discouraged or taken outdoors? (e.g. playing wind instrument or high intensity exercise)*
  - outdoors will be encouraged
- *Is there a standard operating procedure/maintenance for ventilation systems at school?*
  - Melanie: SD46 has changed systems and will maintain filters etc...
- *Fieldtrips this year?*
  - Melanie: can do small expeditions locally but no public transport
  - potentially by school bus... not positive though
- Roger is always happy for input/feedback – feel free to contact him  
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Concluded: 5:08pm