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In Attendance

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Present: Nicolette Hansen, Alan Curtis, Grant Murray, Michelle Webb-Atkinson, Rachael Findlay-Clarke, Natalee Scripps-Hawkins, Jonathan Stirling & Benji Potvin.

Apologies: Ryan Pilkington

In attendance: Shanta Basu (Board secretary)

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Principal Grant Murray's COVID response report

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Principal Grant Murray presented his COVID report on re-opening of school in a Covid -19 Level 3 scenario. He has been sending the board daily e-mails on how things are going & with any issues that come up. Safety plan every Friday.

Only 13 students attended today (30/04/2020).

Kids that are there are pleased to be back and understand that school will be a bit different from now on.

Level 2 apprehensions – Grant is wondering how the school can move into level 2. He said the whole Level 2 protocol needs some explanation from the Ministry of Education. More information needs to come out.

Compliance-daily roll is being recorded. The visitor contact register for each day is kept in the office. The separate contact register for office staff is being kept. Cleaners are following instructions. Teachers have a disinfectant spray if required for door handles and light switches. Every block entrance point has a hand sanitizer. Each classroom has a hand sanitizer as well and children are required to sanitize. Social distancing is in practice in the meeting area outside the blocks and on playground.

Grant provides a daily update to the Ministry of Education on survey monkey regarding daily number of school attendance.

Natalee wanted to know the minimum number of staff needed at school. Grant said a minimum number of teachers are required for each bubble. This would allow teachers breaks and supervise children right around the clock.

There were 2 teachers in their bubble in Block 3 and 3 teachers in Block 1. This was good as the teachers have been able to go into their withdrawal space and video conference their class as well as give themselves breaks.

More students will be coming back next week.

Support office staff are also limited. Judy comes in occasionally. The teacher aide will not be in next week.

According to Grant the staff are happy. One staff member is home due to medical condition. Would they need to come back under Level 2 - clarifications needed? Grant is concerned for staff who are anxious about returning. Do they use sick pay? When the school employs relievers to replace them, it means additional costs.

Natalee said no restrictions apply in level 3 for over 70 and vulnerable people. If staff are uncomfortable in returning they can stay home but will have to take leave. Any health-related leave needs a medical cert and any other concerns will have to result in separate conversations re bridging pay. If anyone is fit and able to work and chooses not to, it should be leave without pay.

The school had 16 students on 29<sup>th</sup> April & 13 students on 30<sup>th</sup> April. 4 are due next week.

Grant has not had any MoE update this week.

The sick bay room has been sorted. Face masks have been delivered. Hand sanitizer -20 x 500 ml have been ordered.

Grant mentioned that the staff are aware that they have a supportive board. He has re-iterated that the priority is safety of staff in school and students. The staff have put in a lot of work around the changed learning environment.

Nicolette thought that once the school moves to level 2 maybe the board can give a morning tea shout to the teachers. Staff must feel supported by board. There should be a strong bond between teachers who support & help each other.

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### Meeting closure

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The motion to adjourn was made at 4.00pm and passed unanimously.

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The above minutes are true and correct.

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Signed:

Chairperson of the board:

Dated:

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### Next Meeting

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7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 3.30pm ~ Zoom meeting