



Our Agency Connection— A Grove Perspective November 2019

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Chromebooks

The Grove staff and agency support staff are doing a great job tracking and monitoring Grove Chromebooks. A challenge we are facing in the DDSB is when students enter into a CTCC program, they forget to return their Chromebook to their home school. Often times we get requests from these schools to return the equipment but, we have no idea where it is, or what the student has done with the equipment. I would ask that if you have a student that registers with your agency and they bring along a Chromebook from a previous school, please let us know. We would like to support our DDSB schools with the return of their inventory so it can be re-issued to other students who may need it.

Transition Meetings

Diane Laurie, our Guidance department head will only be available to attend **transition** meetings moving forward. Diane's roles and responsibilities does not allow for the time to attend treatment review meetings. During treatment review meetings teachers are expected to share information related to the regular education program provided for each student. Teachers can reach out to Diane for support or guidance should there be questions asked that require her expertise.

Safety

The doors have now been secured on the second floor of Grove Central. All agency staff will need a 4 digit code to enter into the main hall from the foyer near the elevator. The code has been shared with agency staff on site. This code should be kept confidential so that we do not have to continuously change it. Should you forget the code you can also press the speaker button which will notify the office staff who will be able to buzz you in.

Collaborative Model

Grove continues to work toward improving our collaborative model for sharing responsibilities with our agency partners. Please let us know if there is something more we can do to strengthen our partnership in supporting the children and youth that we serve.

GAC

The next Grove Advisory Council meeting will take place on Wednesday February 19, 2020 at Grove Central in the DASS HUB on the first floor. Please mark the date in your calendar.

Labour Relations

As you are probably aware by now both the OSSTF and ETFO unions representing teachers are in a work to rule situation. OSSTF representing the secondary teachers announced that should a contract deal not be reached by Tuesday midnight, the secondary teachers will have a one day walk out from classes on Wednesday December 4th. Should there be a walkout on Wednesday all secondary classes at Grove will be closed to students for the day. To ensure parents/guardians or caregivers are aware of this potential job action, I would ask that you send the attached letter home with students today. I will continue to update you regarding this situation as more information come my way.

Reminders

Please visit our Grove website at: <https://grove.ddsb.ca/en/index.aspx>