



Agency Partners

Welcome Back!! Joanne and I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday.

Staffing

Again this year we have new faces at Grove. I would like to welcome Justin Heenan, Annemarie Igel, Karen Jebson, Victoria Levine, Alexandra Murray, Karol Traczuk, , and Julianna Ware who are the newest members of our Grove team.

Ministry Monitoring

Following our Ministry monitoring that took place this past Spring we have had the opportunity to meet with our staff to discuss the direction for improvement for this school year. We are extremely pleased with the feedback received and have used the Ministry recommendations to further enhance the delivery of our academic programs. As our plan indicated last year there will be a continued focus on the gap closing, use of technology at the point of teaching and learning, Cultural Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (CRRP), and differentiating instruction and assessment to meet the needs of all students as well pathway planning. Joanne and I will share our school plan at the next Grove Advisory meeting this fall.

Summer School

We are very excited to share that summer school programs were a huge success this year. Our enrollment numbers increased as well as the credits earned by students. We attribute much of the success to offering students alternative type programming during the month of July. Food and Nutrition, Art, and Hairdressing were very well received this summer. We have reached out to our summer school staff for feedback in the form of **Stop-Start-Continue**. We will be reviewing the feedback at our debriefing meeting to help us set direction for next summer. We would also welcome any feedback from the agency with respect to our summer school program. Please email me your feedback in the same format (**Stop-Start-Continue**) and we will review it at our debriefing meeting.

Schedules

Our secondary teachers are available 5 days a week for 3 x 75 minute periods per day. Teachers are to stay on sight for their 75 minute prep period unless a prior arrangement is agreed upon by the administration. Students are expected to attend class every day unless for treatment reasons the agency wishes to modify this expectation. Modification of a student's schedule needs to be shared with Grove teacher and administration so that our attendance recording can be adjusted. Teachers are **NOT** to modify any student's schedule. Elementary teachers will follow the timetable of the host school unless altered by Grove administration.

Grove Advisory Meeting (GAC)

Our first GAC meeting of this school year will take place on Thursday October 10th. We appreciate you making time to attend this meeting as we have a number of information items to share and some items that require input from our agency partners. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am in the library at Durham Alternative Secondary School (DASS) - 240 Simcoe St. South in Oshawa.

Patrick and Joanne — Grove School