

Teacher Rep. J. Fraser

November 2020 Council Meeting

1. B. Sartre-Dance - Remembrance Day [Slide show](#)

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2. Scientists In Schools - enrichment request for each class for online sessions with materials dropped to the school beforehand.... \$220/27students.....a refund or date changes would be possible with SIS if we need that.... [SIS info](#)

3. Grade 6 (EF6A) Update

- As part of the oldest group of students at ACES, we are looking for and finding new/innovative ways for students to collaborate given the new COVID-related limitations. We are grateful for the support of families who have allowed their child to take their personal Chrome Book to school, which in combination with a number of school-owned Chrome books, allow us to use technology daily. While these Chrome books are used in more traditional ways, such as research, or writing, students are also using technology to connect with each other - even within the classroom - by using different software and apps. To name a few:
 - **Google Meet** for small group tasks and projects.
 - **Pallet** for brainstorming and sharing thoughts and ideas in a visible way,
 - **Google Docs, Slides and Jam board** to consolidate their thinking in a way that is easily shared with teachers and/or the rest of the class,
 - **Google Classroom** to organize and easily access school work at school or at home, as necessary.
- In line with the Grade 6 Health curriculum requirements, we are trialing an interactive online product from Media Smarts that is usually only available by paid license: [Passport to the Internet](#). Through this educational game, students will learn critical thinking skills they need to apply to their online experiences, including online safety, authenticating online information, recognizing online marketing ploys, protecting their privacy, managing online relationships and dealing with cyberbullying. We will report back on our findings re: depth of learning, and ease of use. Thanks! Adrianna

In response to your question from last meeting - How are the Staff doing in all this?- Staff want you to know they are supporting each other; looking for the good in each small moment shared with kids and amongst each other....and they are working to keep in mind that it is important to recognize what it takes to be present, here & now, for the kids, that we are moving forward....which is no small thing - and that we are making progress - small consistent steps- but it's happening each day.....Here's a sample of the kind of support we are providing and seeing from ACES people.....this is part of an email sent from one colleague:

This is a tough year and each day can be hard.... I would like to take a moment to say THANK YOU for everything that you are doing. We all seem to be holed up in our own spaces and trudging through each day.... but, I see kids smiling, laughing, having a great time, and that is because you ARE making this an awesome place for them to be. I know that this song has been shared before but I think this is an important reminder to all of us that we are doing a great job, we are making this a safe place to work and learn, and the students are so happy to be here. Take good care of yourselves and each other, and thanks to each of you....
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkDNp4ATCso&feature=youtu.be>