



Park West School Division

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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Topic: Information for Parent / Guardians

We had a parent meeting on Tuesday evening. Here is an overview of what was discussed.

Graduations:

- Several parents shared their perspective on what was being planned in each of their schools for graduation ceremonies.

September plans:

- We are still awaiting direction from the Province on plans for September. This feedback will include direction about the school year calendar and the format for re-opening of schools. Once this is received, we will articulate exactly what these plans mean for Park West.
- Regarding the school year calendar, the Province is contemplating an additional 10 instructional days for next year. This would include a possible early start to the school year (August 31) as well as a conversion of 5 professional development days to regular school days.
- Several topics related to the re-opening of schools were discussed at the parent meeting. These include things such as whether masks or screening of students and staff may be recommended. All decisions regarding these topics will be based upon Provincial direction.
- During the meeting, a graphic was shared which illustrated the potential models for school in September (see Figure 1, page 2). This is not the Provincial or divisional framework. It simply shows the continuum of options that are likely being considered. The model was taken from an article found at <https://jillmsiler.com/2020/05/16/into-the-unknown/>

Google Classroom Usage:

- At a previous meeting, a question was asked about the extent to which students and teachers are using Google Classroom.
- An overview of Google Classroom usage is found on the next page (Figure 2). You will note the spike in uptake in mid-March when the suspension of schools was announced. After a slight dip during spring break, the usage has been consistently high since April.

Future Parent Meetings:

- We will no longer have meetings every two weeks. However, once the Province has announced plans for September, we will schedule another meeting to update you on divisional plans.

Figure 1 - Possible Models for Teaching and Learning in September

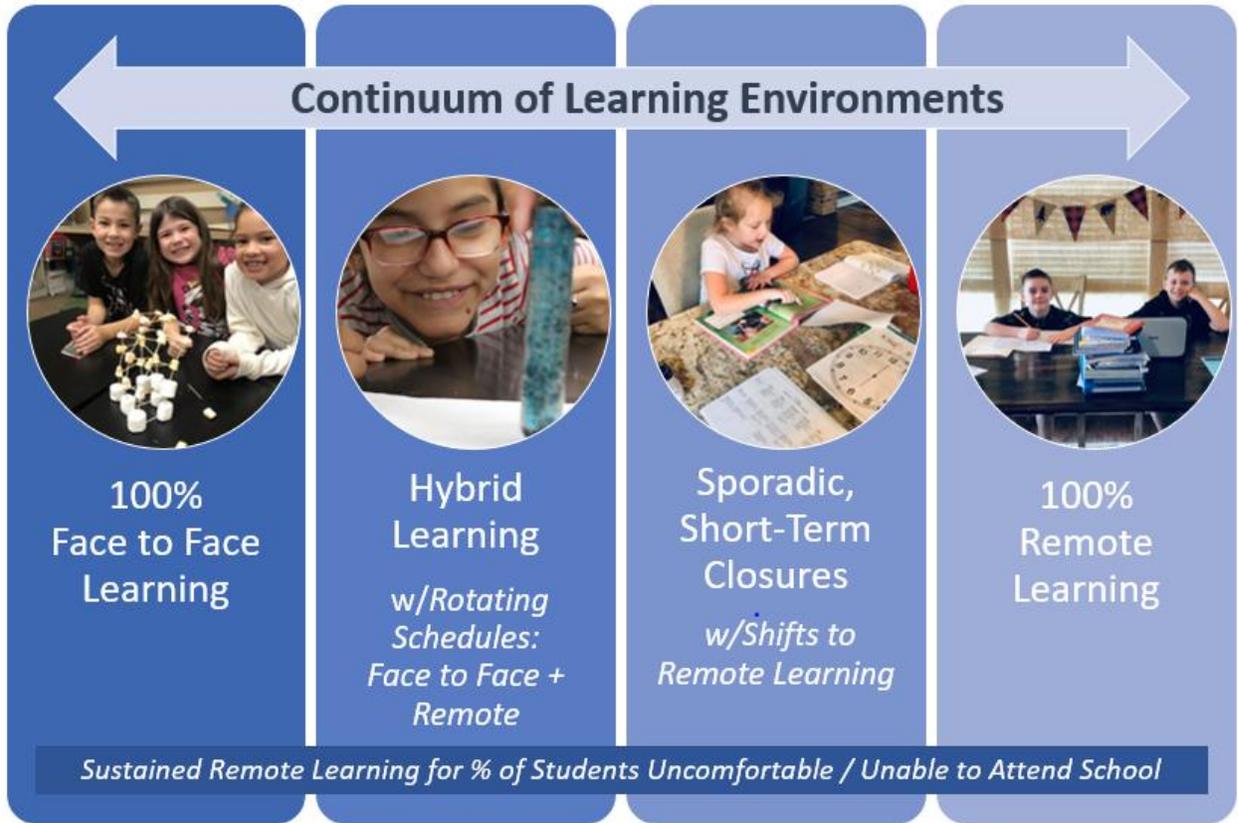


Figure 2 - Google Classroom Usage in Park West School Division (December 16 to June 13)

