

Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School

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[Begbie School Website](#)

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Principal Update October 13, 2021

SAFE ARRIVAL LINE; 604-713-5159 ext 12

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| Principal: | Mr. John Cortens | 604-713-4686 |
| OAA: | Ms. Cheryl Betteridge | 604-713-4686 |
| Director of Instruction: | Ms. Alison Ogden | 604-713-5000 |
| Ed Coordinator: | Ms. Jesse Fogel | 604-713-5000 |

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

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| Chair: | Ms. Lauren Asperin |
| Co-Chair: | Ms. Kim Nguyen-Stone |
| Treasurer: | Ms. Elise Wong |
| Secretary: | Mr. Mike Zobac |
| Members-at-Large: | Ms. Ina Huang, Ms. Helen Sinclair, Ms. Queenie Wong, Ms. Jocelan Thiessen |

Email: begbieschoolpac@gmail.com

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Facebook: “Sir Matthew Begbie PAC”

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

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| Thursday, October 14 | PAC Meeting at SMB Gym 7:00 pm. Child-minding provided. |
| Monday, October 18 | Lifetouch Picture Day (Individuals) |
| Friday, October 22 | Provincial Pro D Day NO SCHOOL for students |

November

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| Wednesday, Nov 3 | Early dismissal day (2 pm) due to Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| Thursday, Nov 4 | Early dismissal day (2 pm) due to Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| Thursday, Nov 11 | Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, Nov 26 | Pro D Day NO SCHOOL for students |
| Friday, Nov 26 | Babysitting Course (Red Cross) for registered students at SMB |

NEXT PAC Meeting

Thursday, November 18 7:00 pm
In Person SMB Gym
Child-minding Provided

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) is open to all parents/guardians of students registered at SMB Elementary school. The monthly meetings include Administration, PAC Executive, and teachers. The intention is to create a space for parents and educators to meet to connect and have positive and productive conversations that focus on improving the educational experience of our students. PAC activities focus on a balance of community building and fundraising.

If you are curious, please feel free to attend or you can reach out PAC Executive members.

If you have specific concerns or questions regarding your child we would ask you to contact your child's teacher or the administration rather than taking these concerns to PAC.

Please reach out to your PAC Executive at the email below:

begbieschoolpac@gmail.com

For more information about PAC and the various ways to become involved please go to the PAC website:

<https://begbiepac.weebly.com/faq.html>

MOST CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please continue to check the [VSB Website](#) and [SMB School Website](#) for the most current and update information.

In the Event of a Student Absence
SAFE ARRIVAL LINE; 604-713-5159 ext 12

Please use the safe arrival line above to report a student absence. In the event the phone line is down please contact the office via phone or email. We would ask you to not contact the teacher

directly as the office is responsible for documenting absences and contacting families to confirm excused absences.

New Build Update

I have been asking the Project Office (VSB) for an updated timeline regarding the project completion and possible updated move in date. We have received this message in response:

"The contractor's schedule still states that the school will be completed by the end of December and no delays have been communicated. That being said, it is the professional opinion of the Project Office that the new Begbie building will not be completed on schedule. The Project Team will update the school community if and when the contractor updates their construction schedule."

We are still on track as a teachers go through their personal and school board materials continuing to sort, purge and organize in preparation for packing.

Preparing to Receive a New Name

Teachers and staff are working closely with the VSB Aboriginal Education Department as we begin to prepare for the possibility of receiving a new name gifted to us by the Musqueam Nation. This process requires us to explore some of the rich history of the nation as well as looking at a range of teaching materials for use with our students.

We were lucky enough to host Knowledge Keeper Morgan Guerin last week at SMB. He spoke to us about the rights and responsibilities associated with receiving a new name. As we continue to learn and reflect on our learning, the Musqueam Nation will let us know if and when we will be gifted a new name.

Please explore this website for more information about Musqueam.

[Musqueam Nation Website](#)

COVID 19 Protocols

This is a summary of Covid 19 Protocols currently in place. This is not new information but a brief summary of the detailed plan currently in use.

Current Risk

We are in a very different place with respect to COVID19 risk when compared to 12 to 18 months ago.

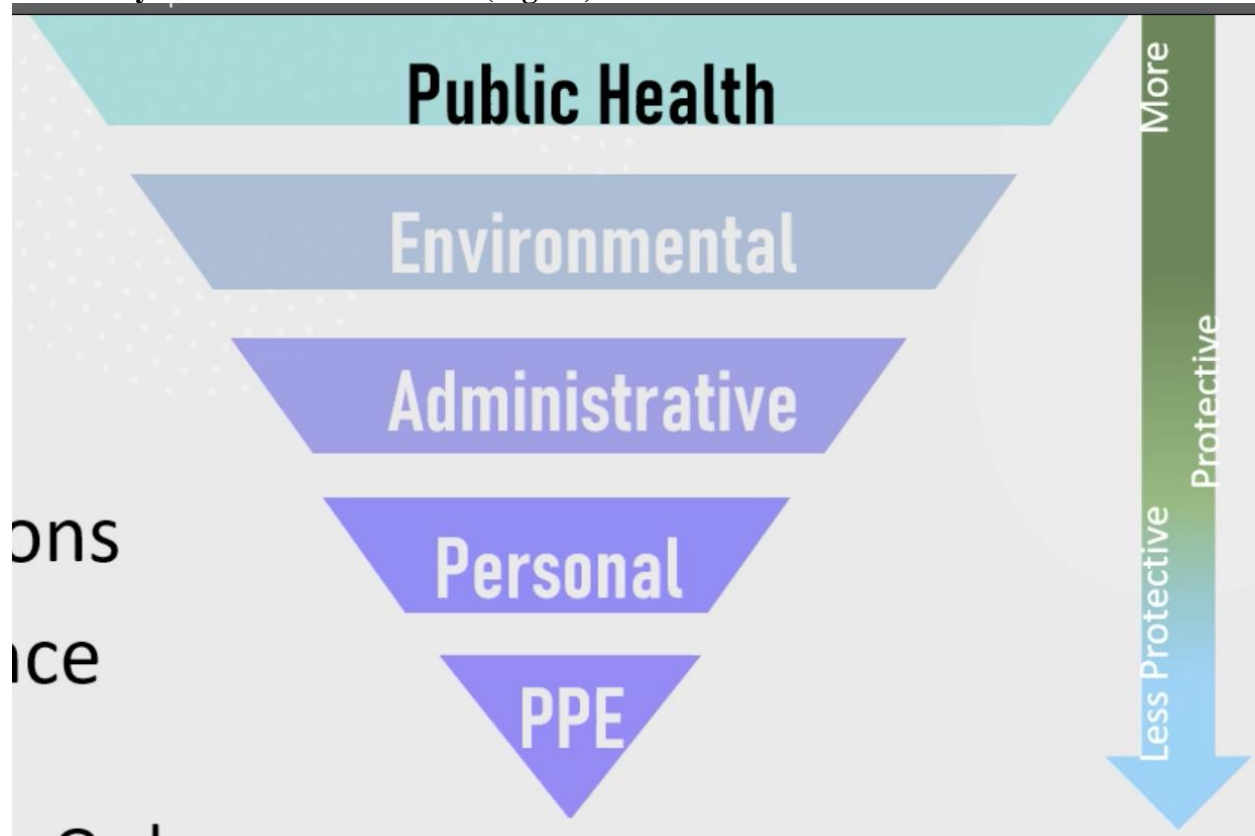
With high rates of vaccination in the community, the risk of getting, spreading, and becoming seriously ill from COVID19 has declined significantly.

The PHO advises the risk of transmission in schools remains low risk.

Contract-tracking data reflects we are not seeing transmissions in schools generally, with cases being contracted by those who live together. Higher rates in schools parallel high rates in the surrounding community.

Having said that, we are remaining committed and vigilant. We are prepared for the possibility of cases. The PHO is continuing to contract-trace in schools and is following up with every COVID19 case and informing anyone who needs to isolate.

Hierarchy of Measures of Control (Figure)



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The figure above reflects the protective measures in place and the efficacy of these controls from most to least protective. Taken together these measures continue to ensure schools are a safe place to work and learn.

Public Health Measures

- Vaccinations (over 80% in the community)
- PHO orders and guidelines
- COVID19 testing
- Contract-tracing and follow up
- Gathering/Event orders
 - Limiting school performances, parties, social events are covered in these orders

Environmental Measures

- Schools remain closed to the public
- Access by appointment only
- Learning and play outdoors when appropriate
- Spreading out where possible
- Re-enforcing good practices with reminders and signage
- Ventilation systems
 - Decrease recirculation of inside air
 - Increase outside air exchange
 - Systems on earlier and off later
 - MERV13 filters
 - Open windows and doors weather permitting (this should be done carefully as too many open doors and windows may interfere with proper functioning of systems)

Administration Measures

- Control high-traffic and reduce areas of congestion
- Directional arrows and signage
- Staggered recess and lunch to decrease congestion
- Minimizing physical contact
- General daily and enhanced cleaning continues
- Shared items cleaned between use
- Cleaning supplies available for touch ups

Personal Prevention Measures

- Daily health assessments
- Wash or sanitize hands
- Spread out
- Respiratory hygiene practices
- Masking when indoors

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

- Single use or reusable masks
- Face shields (must be worn with a mask)
- Not required for those unable to tolerate for health or behavioural needs

Taken together, this robust plan ensures school will remain a safe place to work and learn. As the landscape changes, so do the orders. Our district and school safety plans will be adjusted as necessary based on the guidance of the PHO and VSB H&S.

We are grateful for the patience, support and understanding of our parent community and look forward to continue to move toward more typical practices once it is safe and people are feeling comfortable.