

Minutes April 20th, 2017 Parent Council Meeting - Revised

Attendees: Rob Best, Rosalind Ward-Smith, Roberta Veitch, Meena Sahi, Susan Miles, Meetu Vijay, Tara O'Connell, Tina MacCormac, Olaf Alksnis, Anette Winslow, Sarita Kaunds, Marie Day, Chelsea Shen, Evelyn Uvakov, Darlene Burnham, Lil Mortensen, Ann Harvey Hope, Carolyn Holmes, Shohreh Bhatti, Tracey Jarvis, Chris Reidy, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck, R. Warotfrute

Minutes from February 9th, 2017 meeting approved by Darlene Burnham and Tina Sheldon MacCormac

RDC-Student Council Update-Matthew Shimoda, Callum Sheedy

- Semi formal-300 tickets sold, dance 9 and 10's-Le Dome location
- Grade 12 tail- gate party theme-aligned to the year- end assembly
- Second coffee house-ice tea-in May-free coffee and snacks-looking for grade 11 leadership/open Mike
- Re-creating spirit event for Rugby event –face painting, posters, snacks

Relay for Life-Jen Haley (teacher), Natasha Burlow, Jamie Sassi, Mark Rzepka

- Top fundraising cancer event in Canada in 2015, bi annual event
- 87 teams registered for the event
- YouTube link below to 2015 OT Relay for Life
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aTj9zybouA>
- Friday, May 26th
- Goal to raise \$205k
- If OT raises this amount then OT will have raised close to \$600k since 2006
- Need more parent volunteers from 11pm-7am
- Can send in photos of people who are fighting cancer, beat cancer, in memory of those lost to cancer.
- Looking for cancer survivors to participate in the event and walk a lap around the track
- Each student participant is targeting to raise \$125
- Email piroskis@hdsb.ca for volunteer opportunities at Relay for Life
- Police check is NO LONGER REQUIRED of parents looking to volunteer. Relay for Life will be sending out a syner mail to advise everyone of this.
- Relay Food Committee is sending out a parent donation request for soda pop, beverages, and snack donation that parents and drive up and drop off. Look for the synervice coming soon.

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Principal's Report – Meena Sahi

Principal's Update for March and April

- Citizenship Ceremony involving our grade 10 civics and history classes.
- Twitter feed back up
- Website update-working to getting it back into hdsb domain. Benefits of being within HDSB domain is it will have greater protection and security.
- Motivational Speaker – 3x Olympian Mark McCoy
- Notice went out to all parents on risks of Assassin (gotcha) game, tradition-students upset that they can't play the game- is there a compromise/substitution-tail gate party is the replacement event, supported by RDC. Meena will speak to the grade 12 students if this is acceptable
- RDC sent out a survey to grade 12 asking what they would like as the replacement activity to "Gotcha". Student said they wanted a Grade 12 Tail Gate Party including Food trucks a BBQ, music, close parking lot for the afternoon, games

Student Events

- Halton Skills Competition – 1 gold and 3 bronze medals. Construction team moves on to Ontario Skills
- Music – Regional Competition Gold for Wind Ensemble and Silver + for Jazz Band – Groups will be going to Nationals
- Relay for Life Kick Off Assembly – Speaker this year was one of our students – Bennett Swan
- OTHS Reach – Halton Champions
- HDSB Jr. Speech winner
- Jr. Girls VB – Gold Halton Finals
- Sr. Girls VB – Silver at Halton Finals
- Ski and Snowboard OFSSA champions
- Swim Team competing at OFSSA
- Robotics Team competition at Barrie and McMaster University – Aaron Leszkowiat Dean's list semi-finalist
- Debate Club competing at Provincials
- Model UN

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Upcoming Events

- Jr. Semi Formal – April 26
- MADD Assembly – May 15 for all students
- Prom – May 18. Prom ticket prices were lowered as a result of funds raised through sales of sweatshirts.
- Relay for Life -May 26 (rules to be emailed home) - security/ police/ ambulance/supervision/food and drink

Staff Learning

- Working with students who have ADHD- Carolann Malenfont
- Working with international students – Doug Wilson, Welcome Center
- Social Media and Drug Recognition – Halton Regional Police Liaison Officer
- Engaging Applied Learners – Jeff Catania

Facilities

- Cafeteria Flood Lights
- Order for Signs
- New wiring and furniture in 3 computer classrooms
- All heat and air conditioner controls replaced
- More benches in the atrium
- Bike racks – will order 3-4 more
- Chrome books for sign out in the library
- Bathrooms and change room will be redone in summer
- Locker replaced on second floor
- Theatre lighting replaced

Next Year on Capital Renewal

- Track and Outdoor Building \$300,000 plus
- Art Countertops and cabinets - \$36,000 approx.

Next Year Staffing and Enrolment

- 1290 projection for next September-- Currently at 1267
- Retirements expected by end of the month, new teachers will be hired
- 32 international students (on a student Visa) currently Feb 2017. Expect to be the same next year.

Staff Update –Susan Miles

APRIL 20 STAFF REPORT

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- March 22 - 5th Week reports - follow up with students by Guidance/Learning Resource/Student Success
- Students submitted course selections for September 2017
- Timetable now being created
- First semester marks are reviewed - meetings with students who need to consider change in choices due to low marks, pathway
- Regional meeting held to discuss ELL's and international students
- March 24 - Taking Stock document sent to Board - overview of a variety of school data
- March 27 - OSSLT
- April 3 - staff meeting - police discuss drugs/social media with teachers
- April 19 - ongoing - grade 8 transition meetings with feeder schools
- April 27 - Are you Ready For High School? - "in risk" grade 8 students spend time getting to know OT
- May 5 - grade 8's visit OT
- Concern raised around limit of 2 tickets per grad family for Commencement. Looking for overflow seating, live streaming for Commencement. **Meena to investigate**
- Susan Miles has confirmed that there is no official limit on the number of tickets allowed per grad family. The school will monitor the numbers and make a decision should it be required around available space. Last year they never had any issues with volumes however there is a limit on how many people that can attend given the fire regulations.

Community Connections Update – Sandra-Hurl-Smith, Anette Winslow

- 65 people attended the Drug and substance abuse conference, poor attendance, speakers were inexperienced.
- Next event are for parents only on social media, human trafficking

Finance/Treasurer Update - Marie Day, Rose Brooks

- \$12,614 opening balance, new student donations \$100, \$397 for chrome books, ending balance \$12,317
- \$11,250 commitments for items previously discussed
- PIC grant balance \$1614
- Once budget numbers are final, will have pictures of items purchased
- Looking to fund additional bike racks from this years budge

New Business

- Burlington Secondary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Director's Final report released April 21st.
- Inspire awards are coming in-recommend shining stars-nominate! Go online, fill out the inspire form.
- June 8th last Parent Council meeting-social, ideas to be discussed next meeting

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- Staff appreciation day, MONDAY MAY 1ST at 3:00pm. Suggestion to put some money towards the luncheon in the budget now for next year as a placeholder.

Deliveries can made between 7:30 - 8:30 am (fridge space if very limited, but perfect for non-refrigerated type items) and 1:00 - 2:50 pm to the staff room. No time to cook/bake??? We have options for you too!

Help is also needed to set up, serve, and clean up. The more the merrier! See the sign up sheet for slots, no one will be turned away!

All left overs will be placed into Tupperware for the staff to enjoy Tuesday.

New method of sign up this year, so check out the link below and find the item/time that works best for you!

<https://mealtrain.com/12ogq6>

Meeting adjourned @ 8:46PM.

Next meeting: May 11, 2017 at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn: Tina Sheldon MacCormac, Sarita Kaunds