

Minutes January 12th, 2017 School Council Meeting

Attendees: Rob Best, Rosalind Ward-Smith, Roberta Veitch, Meena Sahi, Susan Miles, Tracy Jarvis, Karena de Souza, Meetu Vijay, Sandra Hurl-Smith, Chris Reidy, Darlene Burnham, Chelsea Shen, Tara O'Connell, Marie Day, Ann Harvey-Hope, Margaret Finlay Watzeck, Lillian Mortensen, Tina MacCormac, Carolyn Adams Hill, Olaf Alksnis, Evelyn Uvakov, Anette Winslow

Motion to approve minutes from December 8th, 2016.

Approved by Margaret Finlay Watzeck and Sandra Hurl-Smith

- Correction to December 8th minutes from Ann Harvey under new business- changing the word **less** to **fewer** members.

RDC/Student Council Update – Kalam: December update Student Council-\$1000 for Rebecca gift foundation.

- Holiday movies, cake walk, holiday market (candy fest) rebranded from Devil's Day
- Soldier on-Candy grams raised 800 for Veteran causes.
- Formal dance successful-\$1000 raised. Photo booth popular.
- January-PJ day, final 3 days, get a cookie. Next Devil Day around Valentine's Day
- Student Council has restructured into 4 committees due to large number of members-40. Media, Outreach, Communication, and School Spirit committee's have been formed.

Principal's Report – Meena Sahi

Facilities Happenings

- **Capital renewal budget-** fix and improve facilities-replaced \$9k of lights in parking lot, replaced heat pump, replace library door lift, student washrooms painted, new partitions,
- **School budget-** replace lockers on second floor either this year or next year, engineering labs reconfigured electrical ports, also new furniture either this year or next year.
- **Track replacement** within next 2 years-including outdoor equipment storage.

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- Need to also improve the bleachers for fans within next 2 years
- Investigating partitioning staff lounge, not used very much, repurposed as a learning centre for students

Staff Update –Susan Miles

- 15th Week reports sent out before holiday - last "chase period" for "in risk" students
- Student Success Profiles- 27 completed for grades 9/10 to be shared with staff at January staff meeting
- January staff meeting - Learning Team will focus on digital citizenship and technology in the classroom
- Guidance visits to feeder schools - My Blueprint used for course selection for September 2017
- Performance Tasks ongoing
- Learning Resource preparing accommodations for all students who use them during exams
- Grade 12's writing personal essays, collecting reference letters and sending applications to post-secondary schools
- Monday, January 23 - Wednesday, January 25 - all classes doing review
- Stress is building as the end of the semester approaches

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

- Feb 7th-how to fill out applications, April 4th- Cyber bullying, May 2nd, drugs, drinking and driving, June 6th-finance how to apply for scholarships-need to start earlier next year to understand what's available (even target grade 9's). So many scholarships are available, anyone can apply.
- OSAP application different this year. Students need to know where they are going by June 1st; there will be a session on how to apply. 70% increase of American inquiries

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- Dr. Karen Gordon successful-50 students plus parents, used event invite-300 people registered. 8pm was a good time.
- Looking for a special guest speaker for November-appealing to parents

Finance/Treasurer Update - Marie Day

- \$13,540.43 available, no other updates

Wish List Results from Parent Council fund raising:

- 1) 10 Chrome books + 1 carrier tote: \$3550
- 2) Girder-mounted spot lights with remote and installation for cafeteria- quote sent out- approx.-\$5000
- 3) 35 inches wide x 10 feet tall retractable banners: 6 @ \$600 ea.- \$3600
- 4) Bicycle rack + installation. Accommodates 10-12 bikes: \$650

Total cost approx. \$12,700. School budget will take care of difference should quotes come in over this amount. This leaves approx.. \$840.43 in budget.

- Meena will fund the Math Club

Motion passed unanimously to approve wish list priorities.

New Business- Meena Sahi

- **Boards Multi Year plan**- 4 year plan by the Board-specific focus -goals- Stuart Miller Director- Themes-Student, Staff, Systems. Director goals will also be available in the spirit of becoming more transparent.
- Targets are set and measured
- Mission statement-Learn, grow and succeed
- Operational plan (1 year snapshot) has more specific details on how the goals will be accomplished.

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- School plan will mirror these plans
- Everything should align, as they fit with our student body.
- Stakeholder engagement tool will be implemented.
- Video available for viewing
- Student voice most impactful change agent-more work to be done to strengthen their voice. Work in progress. Parents have a voice too. Early intervention is best.
- **Grade 12 Prom venue** will be in Mississauga, May 18th date....Meena will bring info to next meeting.

Motion to adjourn; Tina Tara 8:15pm.

February 9th, next meeting.