

Minutes May 11th, 2017 Parent Council Meeting

Attendees: Rob Best, Meena Sahi, Susan Miles, Rose Brooks, Evelyn Uvakov, Sarita Kaunds, Tracey Jarvis, Shohreh Bhatti, Chris Reidy, Chelsea Shen, Uzma Turan, Anette Winslow, Carolyn Adams Hill, Darlene Burnham, Tina MacCormac, Tara O'Connell, Marie Day, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck, Rosalind Ward-Smith

Minutes from April 20th, 2017 meeting approved by Marie Day and Margaret Finlay-Watzeck

Principal's Report – Meena Sahi

Principal's Update for April and May

Staff Appreciation

- Staff very appreciative, and food was amazing
- Rob Best: Sandra Hurl Smith notified that \$55 was left over from luncheon, and this will be offered to Susan Miles to use/ Food for Thought program

Follow-up action item: Transfer of \$55 to Food for Thought Program

Staffing

- We are projected to be at 1290 for next year. Currently hiring staff new staff.
- Have had to make some changes to student common lunch time, room allocation, program staffing because we are larger and student have chosen electives to drive facility needs.

Relay for Life

- Thank you to parents for every kind of donation.
- Parents do not need the PRC to volunteer, but if you got one done, bring it in so we can file it. It is only valid for 6 months. If we file it, we can do a verification sign off there.
- We have most logistics taken care of. Parents are still welcome to volunteer to help in the late hours. Sign up by emailing Sarah Piroski or Jennifer Hanley.
- Food allergies and late/early arrival dismissal forms need to get in asap.

Exams and Performance Tasks

- We will use the PT/Exam calendars again so student can put dates on them and start planning a study schedule. This will happen in late May. Also we will have the therapy dogs again. Students who will be absent need to contact their VP

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Prom, May 18

- Sent out the standard syner-message to parents about alcohol before prom.
- As the prom is in Mississauga the attending police is not our liaison officer.
- We have a school wide MADD assembly on May 15th ahead of prom.
- Community Liaison Officer, Vanessa Reynolds will look at dates to present to Grade 12 students

Follow-up action item: Council parent asked if a link to the MADD video could be shared with Grade 12 students, in case of absences. Meena to investigate

Assassin Game and Tail Gate Party

- Tailgate party for Grade 12 planned for Monday, June 6 (periods 3&4)
- There will be food trucks, games, music, cotton candy etc
- Grade 11's students will be volunteering at the tailgate party.
- RDC sent out a survey to students in beginning of April to discuss not running the Assassin or Gocha game in school and to present the Tail Gate Party as a replacement.
- Neither game is supported because they have the capacity to exclude students due to the nature of the game. RDC put this info out onto social media. . Some students are still playing the Gocha game, but most when reminded to take it out of the school hours are compliant.

Staff Update –Susan Miles

MAY11, STAFF REPORT

- April 27 Are You Ready For High School - grade 8 students - in risk - visit
- Midterm reports - 36 students with 2 or more marks under 60%
- April 28 - PD day - Mental Health, LGBTQ, First Nation, Equity and Inclusion, role of Student Success teacher (interventions/re-engagement)
- lunch and learn for staff - Meg Carey spoke about ELL students - strategies in the classroom
- week of May1 - mental health awareness- variety of activities - wearing "green"
- staff meeting - social worker discussed ADHD and suicide prevention protocol
- Performance tasks /exams discussed
- May 5 - all grade 8 students from feeder schools spent the morning at OT to get to know the school - grade 8/9 teachers met to share best practices
- AP exams ongoing
- Guidance: Kathy Raleigh retiring

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Community Connections Update – Anette Winslow

- PIC application in progress
- Community connection presentation May 2, by Community Officer Vanessa Reynolds very well attended—130 parents
- Discussion around seeing if this can be presented to Gr. 12 students this year.
- Meena mentioned that plan for next year would be to have similar presentation to Gr. 12, then Gr. 11, then Grds. 9&10 near the end of the school year.
- Survey will be sent out to parents May 15 to help with planning next year, and investigate if parents willing to pay \$5 or \$10 to help supplement the cost
- Keynote speaker November:
 - Potential keynote for November: Dr. Jean Clinton is an Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster. Cost \$2200 – Need to make a decision quickly
 - Given the cost, considering opening up to other high school parents and to charge a minimal cost at the door.
 - By June 8, a decision will be made on Nov. keynote.
 - Early Fall, tickets may be pre-booked on-line

Follow-up action item: By June 8, Anette to make final decision on keynote speaker for Nov

Follow-up action item: Meena to look into having presentation from May 2nd given to this year's Gr. 12s

Finance/Treasurer Update - Marie Day, Rose Brooks

- Waiting for final bills from the board
- 5 bike racks installed and delivered, spotlights in cafeteria installed (cost will actually come in around \$4,000 vs \$5,000 which was budgeted), school banners in design phase but will be ready for commencement
- More than likely there will be around \$2,500 of school council funds carried forward for 2017-2018 school year, but will not know until end of June
- Cashless system migrating to new payment system that also accepts credit cards, instructions on how to deal with left over balances to be sent to parents
- New payment system will be up and running in June.
- Rose to retire at the end of June.

Follow-up action item: Need to craft messaging surrounding balances found in cashless school accounts to encourage parents to donate to school council

New Business

- Robert Best motion put forward to school council to purchase one additional bike rack

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- Item raised at last council meeting by Darlene Burnham and brought to vote at May 11th meeting for a vote.
- Vote passed unanimously by council

Follow-up action item: *Rose Brooks to update budget(s) to reflect council purchase of 2nd bike rack.*

- Rob and Meena tabled process for election of executive council positions for the 2017/2018 school year. (Chair/Co-chair, Secretary and Treasurer).
- Self nomination form for student executive council positions to be emailed to all parents in September 14th & Sept 22nd.
- Request will be for parents to self-nominate if they are interested in any of the executive positions.
- This is only for executive positions and this will be clearly stated in the message along with stating that all parents are welcome and all parents have a vote.
- Request will ask parents to drop off their self-nomination forms (should they choose to complete one) by October 2nd.
 - At the first council meeting scheduled for Sept 21st, this will be raised again and vote will take place the following meeting in October (scheduled for Oct 12th)
- Proposed school council dates for 2017-2018 school year

<i>Sept 21</i>	<i>Jan 18</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>June 14 (social)</i>
<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>April 12</i>	

- **Follow-up action item:** *Before end of June, Meena/Rob to update self-nomination form, and craft communication for council elections to make sure parents do not feel intimidated by the formalities, and that all parents welcome*

Meeting adjourned @ 8:56 PM.

Next meeting: June 8 final school council meeting to be held at upstairs Corks, Longos, 469 Cornwall Rd @ 7:30 pm (please note athletic banquet at OT from 5-7:30 pm)

Motion to adjourn: Margaret Finlay-Watzeck , Marie Day