

School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday November 3, 2020

6:30 pm

Virtual and Google Meet

1. Welcome and Introductions L. Hayes/C. Savage
 - a. Contact Information Update
 - i. All contact information is up to date.
 - b. General SCC Business Procedures
 - i. Invites, agenda and minutes will be shared via email. We will also post items on our school website.
 - ii. Any potential agenda items may be sent to one of the co-chairs, Mr. Palmer or email to the school account.

2. Student Parliament Update Matthew & Sara
 - a. Slideshow prepared for SCC Meeting
 - i. Matt and Sara re-introduced themselves.
 - ii. Spirit days – sports jersey day with photos and competitions, Halloweek!: interactive via Instagram (pumpkin decorating contest, pet costume contest, school individual and team costume contests, staff participation) plus a black and orange day.
 - iii. OSLC-Ontario Student Leadership Conference (*note: Thought Exchange is available via DDSB for parents and students). Focus this year was mindset and attitude.
 - iv. Remembrance Day is virtual this year – History, Music and Drama classes are coordinating this. See website for details.
 - v. November 16th is the beginning of Quad 2, so a video tour will be offered to Gr. 9s as well questions can be asked via social media platforms offered by Student Parliament.

3. Principal's Report W. Palmer
 - a. Good News
 - i. Halloweek – was excellent, and at a time near the end of the Quadmester that picked up everyone's spirit.
 - ii. Model U.N., DECA (Business) & Health Sciences Club are running, virtually.
 - iii. Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremonies upcoming for both cohorts.
 - iv. Quadmester turnaround from 1 to 2 – soon upon us. (No exams, no credit completion days) – a fast turnaround for staff and students. The same one-day transition will take place between future Quadmester changeovers.
 - v. Final Report Cards will be emailed on Nov. 26th to parents, after 3 pm.

- b. Parent Teacher Interviews – Check In
 - i. A one-week window to schedule telephone interviews.
 - ii. Feedback from parents and staff was positive in regards to the process.
 - c. Junior Awards – Check In
 - i. Certificates distributed Nov. 2 and 3, 2020. No ceremony this year.
 - d. My BluePrint and Course Selection
 - i. The new “Career Cruising” to aid students to plan for their futures.
 - ii. Students will all have accounts and can use this tool to create a portfolio as we move forward.
 - iii. As it is rolled out – students and parents will be kept informed.
 - iv. NOTE: our Guidance Counsellors have Google Classrooms to keep their Grade level students and parents informed. It will be posted on the website.
 - e. Volunteer of Distinction for 2019-20: Jared Daley. Jared assisted with our Football Team in the Fall of 2019 and was a positive role model for our students.
 - f. EQAO Update
 - i. The situation is fluid
 1. OSSLT – April 8th WAS the tentative date for current Grade 10s and 11s would write the test BUT now there is NO set date, but it will be in the spring. More information to come.
 2. Current Gr. 12s – the OSSLT requirement for graduating students will be waived as per the Ministry of Education.
 3. Gr. 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics Quadmester 1 will NOT be written due to the timing. We will be writing this provincial assessment in Quadmasters 2, 3, and 4.
 - g. Chromebooks and Technology
 - i. Chromebook refreshes for students are pushed back – and may be pushed back again depending upon availability of technology from suppliers.
 - ii. Chromebook trouble-shooting guide was reviewed and will be added to the already established OLAS Library page and our website.
 - iii. If students cannot fix the problems themselves – teachers, Mr. Beggs or our Lan Tech can submit a Help Ticket for them to resolve the problems as soon as possible. As well, any Hardware issues need a Help Ticket.
4. School Principal Characteristics and Qualities E. Oliver
- a. Review of leadership qualities of principal – that SCC have seen and would like to see in their school principal and respond to a few questions about what SCC would like senior admin to know about our school:
 - i. Suggestions to be added to leadership qualities of our principal: *Fairness and consistency; academic knowledge, social-emotional awareness, resilience, approachability, accessibility, perseverance, community knowledge, student and parent relationships.*
 - ii. Our school is special because:

1. *Close knit community*
2. *Involved people*
3. *Teachers and staff are committed to success and inclusion*
4. *Amazing spirit*
5. *Home-school communication is efficient*
- iii. Our school's evolution includes:
 1. *Steady growth in population and program*
- iv. Our school community could benefit from:
 1. *Being conscious of community growth*

5. Safe and Accepting Schools

P. Koster

a. COVID 19 Protocols

- i. Masks, hand sanitizing – as the students enter building
- ii. Entrance and exits are monitored to negate crowding
- iii. Touch points are sanitized twice per day
- iv. 2 washrooms available on both floor – social distanced
- v. Health room available should a student feel ill
- vi. Cleaning protocols are strict and regular
- vii. Reinforcement by staff ensures that there is no complacency
- viii. Through scheduling we are attempting to ensure that Cohort A and Cohort B do not interact as Quadmesters move forward. As of now only 13% of students need to change cohorts for Quadmester 2 – this will mitigate and limit contact between students.

b. Equity and Anti-Black Racism

- i. Book Club using “The Skin We’re In” by a few of our staff, who will share with the larger group
- ii. Culturally Relevant & Responsive Pedagogy ongoing training with staff, including upcoming PD Day on Friday November 13th.

6. Adjournment and Action Items

- post [Guidance Counsellor - Google Classroom Codes](#) on school website
- post [Chromebook Troubleshooting Guide](#) on school website/OLAS Library Page and push out via Twitter/Instagram
- attach links to the above two items with “SCC Minutes” email

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 2, 2021, 6:30 pm