School Council Meeting #3 Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024

Chair: Manish Sangal

Secretary: Louis Lim

Introductions

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of December 4, 2023 School Council Meeting Minutes

- Question: Report Cards – will be sent to students' GAPPS account in a few weeks

Student Council Update (Alice and Kelvin)

- December Winter Assembly: Talent Show, theme of Harry Potter

- Bur Oak lanyards, tote bags, sweaters – for purpose to be proud of school

- Spirit day bake sale - $2 plushy, Valentine Day card write to friend, can adopt plushy, bake sale

Student Success Teacher and MLL Teacher – Kathy Brown

- support with transitions grade 8 to grade 9: visit elementary schools; grade 9 Day for students to be comfortable in school

- support students to be successful: advocacy and mentoring of students – be voice for student, pathways? Strategies to support student?

- provide direct instruction; e.g., difficulty in an assignment, how to unpack for student

- monitoring of students; have mid-semester and end-of-semester data; if having difficulty in a subject have conversation to help move forward

- staff and community development: support, answer questions; share strategies with whole staff

- examples of supports:

    - tutoring Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

- credit rescue: assignments incomplete – spend whole day in January working on an assignment to be reset i.e., rescue the credit

- credit recovery: student not successful in course – 35% and 45% can be recommended for credit recovery; can help student recover credit so not credit deficit

- check ins with students new to grade 9s in beginning of year, and will again start of semester 2

-bi-weekly meetings to discuss student needs: as student success team

-meet with students throughout out day to support

- meet with teachers and admin from elementary schools

- grade 9 Transition day

- Work as a team: admin, guidance, student services, settlement workers, admissions and student liaison officers, CYWs, school social worker, subject teachers, parents/guardians

- student success teacher is like a triage nurse – what can we do to support?

Question: Difference between guidance and student success – guidance can help with timetabling and career counselling, student success teacher can support students with academics

MLL – Multilingual Language Learners – Kathy Brown

Terminology: English as a Second Language (ESL) → English Language Learners (ELLs) → Multilingual Language Learners (MLLs)

MLL Teacher Support Teacher Responsibilities

- support classroom teacher to develop instructional or assessment strategies for MLLs – e.g., assessments accommodated for students at any level ESL

- can co-teach

- 2 classes: Drama and Geography which are all MLLs

- 10 minutes monthly at staff meeting

Beginners French: Need to have less than 600 hours of French instruction in elementary school; course is

School Council Purpose

- advise the Principal; not speak about specific teachers

- update Principal Profile (i.e., what school council seeks in school administration and reviewed by superintendent prior to Principal and Vice-Principal appointments to Bur Oak SS)

- opportunity for face-to-face meeting to learn more about the school, department representatives share what they do

Teacher Representative Update – Angela Rodrigo

- Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories and Experiences of the Chinese Community – ends February 25

- showed 6 minute video: https://www2.yrdsb.ca/community/museum-board-archives/exhibits/standing-doorway-lived-histories-experiences-chinese

- Department Cross-Collaborations

    - Plants and architecture – equity: classrooms without windows – students doing real-life projects (15 to 20 teachers involved)

    Science: bring live plants

    Business: how to improve space, business projects related to improvement, priced out

    Visual Arts:

    Technology

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Department Policies

- how to embrace AI since not going away, how to provide equitable assignments that incorporate Chat-GPT, ensure classwork has integrity

- Technology has department policy

- English department struggling

- teachers exploring how assessments can look differently with AI

- Unfortunately, students are using Chat-GPT and submitting their assignments

- AI detector

-how do teachers use AI as a tool for student learning? Not going away

Equitable Assessment

- create hub of equitable assessments organized by course

- meet monthly Equity PLC meetings

-continue cross-collaborations

- continue Book Studies using 3 books: *Me and White Supremacy, Grading for Equity, Equity Centred Trauma-Informed Education*

Principal's Report – Louis Lim

- Guest speaker, Paul Davis, on Social Media

- February 6, period 1 – grades 9 and 10

- March 21, period 1 – grades 11 and 12

Next meeting: Invite subject heads from Mathematics department and English department