



School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday November 21, 2022
TIME: 7:15 – 8:15 pm
LOCATION: Library Learning Commons
Remote Attendance: <https://meet.google.com/jxb-nzgb-wnz>

ATTENDING IN-PERSON: Krista Luks (Principal), Bagdana (School Council), Kelly Leblanc (Staff), Nazzy Reyhani (Staff), Antonina Gambino (Staff), Allison Cruickshank (Co-chair), Sandy Ho (Secretary), Mohammad Hamidzada (Co-Chair; Online); Kim Short, Tania Pacitto, Kelly Hutchinson, Kristy.

Slides on Presentation of all departments found [HERE](#)

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1	Welcome (7:15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Land Acknowledgment	Allison Cruickshank Krista Luks
2	Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events have been successful. Many upcoming events for students to participate in (Open house for Grade 8s, Semi formal, Food and clothing donations, Winterfest spirit week)• Semi-Formal.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Over 500 tickets have been purchased (aimed for 300). It is a testament to our commitment to be involved and create a sense of community.◦ We have hit the maximum allowed at hall due to fire code.◦ Subsidies available to students who needed it. The Engagment Fee at the beginning of the year helps with these situations. It also has made our tickets affordable at \$50 while many other schools are charging from \$80-120◦ Thankful for the 40 staff volunteering to chaperone• Discussion and Question: How often are semi formal held? If a student missed this one, will there be other opportunities?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Grade 10 and 11 will have separate events coming up to build community◦ There is a waitlist right now. If space becomes available they will be notified	Student Council Bagdana Krista Luks
3	Teacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See report here• Shrek the Musical moving along. Tickets are on sale now.• OSSLT for Grade 10s on Dec 1-2 during Period 1, for Grade 11s Nov 28, for Grade 12s Nov 29• EQUAO Grade 9 running for students with Math class this term• Discussion and Question:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ OSSLT - Students will not marks for Part B Practice tests but they can reach out to any teacher for one on one feedback. All teachers have training in this.◦ Students with IEPs are getting feedback. Teachers are using the rubrics given to them by the OSSLT.	Kelly Leblanc
4	Guidance Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents encouraged to remind children to see their guidance counsellor and build positive relationships. Most students will stay with the same counsellor. If student is more comfortable with another one, they can.• Deadlines:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Feb 1 (colleges),■ Jan 12 (universities). Don't leave it until last minute. Complete applications before leaving for winter break■ Night School Registrations start end of Janaury.■ Summer School Registrations open at the beginning of	Nazzy Reyhani Coming Next Council Meeting: Information on timetables and



		<p>April.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Google site is coming soon. Guidance Google Classroom has a lot of information. • Semester 2 Timetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Coming first week of January. ◦ A Google form will be sent to families who need to solve small issues (not course changes). ◦ Parents sign digitally via Blueprint • Peer Tutoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Program up and running ◦ Math and Science have their separate help (run by teachers) • Discussion and Question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Summer School: Students take these classes (1) to retake courses if they were unsuccessful; or (2) to move ahead and free up a period next year to take something else ◦ Mandatory Online Course Requirement Opt-Out Option will be incorporated into the Blueprint system sometime this or next year. If not this year, instructions will be sent to families. ◦ At this time, senior students are tutoring. It was raised that perhaps matured and responsible Grade 9s and 10s could also be considered. 	course selection
5	Digital Tools Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation for parents to be aware of all the applications being used by students. • Teach Assist-Parent Portal is the place parents can find the most accurate grades • Teachers have two emails: a firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca email and a gapps.yrdsb.ca email. Both work • Additional note: Families are encouraged to use the yrdsb email more. • TeachAssist for Parents. Go here for instructions or https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/ • Parents are discouraged from using the app. Use the web version instead. 	<p>Antonina Gambino</p> <p>Krista Luks</p>
6	Administration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the school's goals is to create a sense of community • Grade specific activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Grade 8: Green Acres (Completed) ◦ Grade 10 trip did not happen due to school closure; a new opportunity is in the works (Distillery District + Aquarium mid December) ◦ Grade 11: Raptors Game. Deadline for tickets this Friday • Cafeteria situation: closures due to servery issues: repair needs and staffing issues. Best case scenario will open in December, but we are at the mercy of repairs and staffing. • Mid-term mark Reporting Challenges: We are using a new system called POWERSTREAM. Schools have had challenges with it. Families now are told they will get notifications on or around Nov 23. Reminder parents get a notification, but have to access reports from their child's gapps account. • PA Day reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ October: De-streaming requires a shift in pedagogy ◦ November: Anti-racism and anti-discrimination. Mental Health. We want to make our classrooms affirming learning environments that reflect who our students are. Data from Board in 2021 shows 40-45% of secondary school students expressed increased sadness and depression. • Discussion and Question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Regarding trips. A concern was raised on limited number of tickets available with tight deadlines - not all students are able to make the decisions quickly and may need support. How can we ensure we address these realities while still understanding some capacity challenges are out of admin's hands (e.g. buses available by companies) 	



7	School Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Council Constitution needs to be approved. Please review the following link prior to our next meeting and if you have any concerns to email the co-chairs at alexander.mackenzie.hs@sc.yrdsb.ca. See document here.● Principal's Profile Board looks at this document, created and kept updated by School Councils, when there is a change in leadership. They look to make sure assignments are in alignment with what the community identified as needs. Latest profile was done in 2020-2021.● Membership reviewed everything in the document.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Kim Short motioned to approve the current version of the Principal's Profile (2020-2021) with addition of the word "inclusivity" in the first section under "leadership qualities". Mohammad Hamidzada seconded it. A vote of 8 approve, 0 reject. Motion carried.</i>● Financial Update - Currently, we have \$4,400<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Allison suggests to allocate \$2800 right now to support school, and try to hold one fundraising event in Semester 2○ Discussion to explore fundraising ideas that are fun, and that promote sense of community.○ A suggestion was made to send out another call for donations in Semester 2 but to add an amendable field / suggested donation field.● <i>Tania Pacitto motioned to earmark \$800 for Graduating Class Awards (\$200 each). Seconded by Kim Short. 7 approve, 0 against. Motion is carried.</i>● Ms Luks asked staff to present any needs they may have.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Physical Ed Dpmt for exercise/gym equipment (\$25,000)2. Visual arts - \$500 open studio time weekly.3. Technology \$2000 to activate irrigatonal sprinkler system,4. Music theatre \$1,000 to offset production costs,5. Student council \$1000 to supplement costs of semi formal,6. Raptors - school funded this already.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms Luks clarified that the school has an operating budget. Council does not raise funds for things like books and supplies; instead, it raises "enhancements".● <i>Tania P. motioned to approve the allocation of the following:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ \$1,000 for Shrek Production costs■ \$500 for visual arts■ \$1000 for semi-formal<i>Seconded by Kelly Hutchinson. 7 Approved. Motion is carried.</i>● Allison shared desired to see council do something to support students and parents, in the form of mentorship. Ms Luks shared school has had engaged in activities to support different groups: newcomers, seniors (pen pals), etc. A suggestion was made for a sub-committee to be formed with members of council, guidance, etc.	Allison Cruickshank ACTION ITEMS: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chairs to make the addition to the Principal Profile and submit document2. Members to Review Constitution. Changes to be made at next meeting.3. Members to bring fundraising ideas to next meeting.4. Ms Luks will connect with staff to amend request for Gym equipment and Irrigation system projects. Get quotes.5. Moving forward, to keep track of what departments are funds allocated to, to ensure a balanced and equitable disbursement of funds.
8	Adjournment	Reminder next meeting: January 16, 2023 <i>Motion to close meeting made by Sandy Ho and seconded by Kristy. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm</i>	Correct dates of future school council meetings on the website

Minutes prepared by Sandy Ho

2022-2023 Council Members

Chair - Allison Yashinsky/Mohammad Hamidzada
Secretary - Sandy Ho
Treasurer - Irene Lau

Meeting Dates:

Monday, September 19, 2022
Monday, November 21, 2022
Monday, January 16, 2023
Monday, March 27, 2023
Monday, May 15, 2023