



AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Present: Liz Holtby, George Voumvakis, Lori Freitas, Jane Casey, Paull Simmons, Jason Roberts, Cecilia Piques, Jane Casey, Ameerah Vamvakaris, Marina Kapelni, Charles, Naghmeh, Amir Mirshahi, Jennifer Acquaah, v-loh, Paul Woods, Tina Jalali, Stephen Jackson, Josie Ruggiero-Khan, Mei Zhu, Shadi Mina-Araghi

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: ROUNDTABLE OF INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

4. GUIDANCE REPORT

There were many timetable changes – over 400 this year. The main form of communication is Google Classroom and Google Meet. Guidance has also been teaching the students how the cohort schedule works. If students want to make appointments, they scan a QR code (for those in the building) and fill out a google form. The form is also available on our website. Example appointment reasons: personal counselling, career counselling, etc. What is the process if a student has depression? Here is the protocol - 1) Students identify that there is a concern 2) Guidance triage 3) AHS Social Worker or Board Psychologist 4) Referral to other support systems.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AHS Plan was presented to the board at the beginning of the summer

Full Face-to-Face

Full On-Line *

Hybrid *

*Model that was offered to parents because the ministry had concerns with the Face-to-face option.

There were lots of changes that took place resulting in a ripple effect - communication to staff, hiring of teachers had to be navigated.

6. SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Some polling questions were included about school council and the rules.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND ITS ROLE

Principals are responsible:

- to attend the meetings
- to represent the community
- to communicate and collaborate with school council
- to actively seek representation



- to make known the names of the school council members
- to forward information on community resources to school council
- to provide written notice of the dates, times and location of the meetings
- to solicit the views of school council
- to ensure any fundraising carried out by the school council aligns with the school improvement plan
- ensure the financial records are maintained at the school

Code of Ethics:

- to consider the best interest of the students
- to be guided by the school and the board's mission statements
- to become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices
- to follow the Board's Equity and inclusivity
- to treat all member with respect
- to not disclose confidential information
- to use established communication channels
- to declare any conflict of interest
- to not accept any payment of benefit financially through school council involvement

School Council is responsible:

- to supporting parents, family and community
- to participate
- to collaborate
- to hold elections
- to ensure that a parent qualifies
- to meet at least 4 times per year
- to take minutes for each meeting

Board Members: Jane Casey, Liz Holtby (Secretary), Lori Freitas (Chair), Steven Jackson

Future School Council Meetings:

November 26, 6:30pm – opinion was voiced by a school council participant to see if there could be another meeting scheduled before this date

March 25, 6:30pm

May 20, 6:30pm

Questions in the chat:

- 1) Is there training for the teachers to increase student engagement – Mr. Voumvakis discussed all the plans and processes that have taken place to assist.
- 2) Student's Mental Health – could we have Patricia Marra-Stapleton, Mental Health lead for the York Region School Board, come in and speak at the next SC meeting.



- 3) Student Engagement – are there ideas that School Council have to help students. Let's discuss this at the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT