

BILL CROTHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL

School Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday October 26, 2020 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Attendance

Staff Members: Meshell Lynch-James (principal), Mark Melnyk (VP - A to G), Jean Janzen (VP - H to O), Laura Hogan (VP - P to Z), Allison Fox (Guidance Department Head), Heather Graham Burt (Guidance Department), Sunil Khandor (Math/business department)

Student Representatives: Lauren Cirelli, Rachel Collins

Guests: Afia Shah, Alacoe MacTavish, Janny Hogen, Marie Ugolini, Michelle V, Mary Porto, Paola Rimoli, Jocelyn Quioc, Ron Del Carmen, Cathya Saltarelli, Nikki Allen, Sue-Ann White, Ludeth-Maria Garcia, Gall Gunnip, Frank Xu, Stephanie Chrisite, Renee Wilson, Van Sterijevski, Alejandro Navarro, Andrea P, Maryam H, Sheri Riddell, Catherine H, Dawn Beal-N, Zaheeda Lalji, Lisa Maadanian, Tracey V, Chrisite Bilkas, Daniela F, Patricia Whelan, Jasmin Schiralli, Brandon Lublin, Kelly Rhyness, Chi Azurunwa, Micael M, Csrlo Guerrieri, Lisa Hubbard, Patty-Lynn N, Chiara Meliota, Afia Shah, Laura Rowed, Phoeve P, Linda Galanakis, Simone Elliot, Megan Patullo, Jenn Bahen, Debora Rossano, Marcia Smith, Sarah Lake, Bashir Jivraj, Audrey Wega, Chris Kostakis, Olu Adebajo, Kathleen Kwan, Felicia Sukdeo, Lara Morris, Elena Parfenov, Chatherine B, Cecilia Pino, Voula Thalassinis, Silverina S, Tanya Buchanan, Michael Vachon, Nicole Soverall, Charlene Woron, Joanna Rizi, Vernice Knapton, Terri Russell, Charmaine Collins, Katie Sears, J Bertie, Mary Anne B, Lesley Sahakian, Alexis Whalen, Susan Benghiat, Anne Johnston, Laura Pino

"Behind every child who believes in themselves is a parent who believed first"

- Matthew Jacobson

1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

- a) 7:00 - Ms. Lynch-James welcomed all to meeting and introduced the admin team.
- b) 7:05 - Ms. Janzen shared the Land Acknowledgement.
- c) 7:07 - Ms. Hogan went through the online rules that govern all online meetings at the school.
- d) 7:10 - Mr. Melnyk directed an inclusion activity.
- e) 7:15 - Approval of January 27, 2020 meeting's minutes - Simone Elliot (2019-2020 vice-chair)

2.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) **Bill Crothers Leadership / Student Council: (update by Lauren and Rachel)**
 - Teacher leaders: Ms. Patullo, Ms. Sukdeo and Ms. Gillies
 - Council's vision:
 - Inclusivity and creating a community and bond between all grades
 - Create a sense of trust within the school and support for one another
 - Build school spirit and maintain Colt Nation while enduring virtual learning
 - Grade 12 Reps: Gianluca Capuano and Emma James

- Grade 11 Reps: Chase Goldie and Cheuk-Lun Cheung
- Grade 10 Reps: Jonas Ash and Holly Whelan
- Grade 9 Reps: Andrew Artenosi and Rebecca Qin
- Outreach Coordinators: Elana Moeini-Azad (Director), Hanifah Johnson and Daniel Anene-Akosa
- Treasury Team: Grace Whelan, Nicole Toth and Jessica Aprile
- Secretary Team: Emily Rosevear (Director), Ramana Rakshitha and Velavan Wimalarajan
- Spirit Team: Natasha Vasiliou (Director), Hedeieh Imani, Anya Melnyk and Sienna Seychuk
- Social Team: Alessia Manarin (Director), Ceci Mejia, Stephanie Lim, James Mitskos and Olivia Louwers
- Athletic Events Team: Noelle Hearty, Bobby Bertsoulakis
- Healthy Active Living Team: Madison Walsh (Director), Anthony D'Urzo and Kelsi Seppanen
- Equity Representatives: Priyanka Chakravarti (Director), Anastasia Bowyer and Roshini James
- Communications Team: Isabelle Louwers (Director), Joseph Monguillo (Director), Lauren Bunch, Emily Toth and Amber Karnel
- Eco School Reps: Haavia Rajakumar and Raiq Quader
- Virtual School Reps: Connor Downward, Charles Warner, Isabella Lagana and Lisa Purh
- October 26th was the first meeting for the student council
- Plans for 2020/2021 are in progress

3.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Meshell Lynch-James

- a) Previous meeting happened on January 27
- b) Thank you parents for your support for teachers, staff and most importantly, the kids during this pandemic
- c) About 1500 kids and 90 teachers needed to transition to an online platform in less than 2 weeks back in March.
- d) Sadly, the kids have missed a lot of things because of the pandemic: graduation for grade 12 students, Right to Play for grade 9 students, Homecoming, etc.
- e) There will be a virtual graduation for kids that graduated in June from grade 12. This will take place on November 25th. More information to come.
- f) One of the major changes was that the school did not start in August. We couldn't follow our own schedule this year because of COVID but we hope we can go back to our BCSS schedule next year
- g) There is study hall offered for kids who can't make it home after school in time for their online classes. There is room for 50 students.
- h) Interim report cards have been delivered in soft/electronic copy
- i) Parents night/Parent-teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29
- j) The fields have gone through a massive renovation. The soccer/field hockey/lacrosse field is done. The turf and track field is not completed yet but will be done soon, hopefully before the weather gets too cold
- k) The scoreboard is finally completed, after 8 years of hard work and saving every penny possible to make it happen. It will be used for all sorts of BCSS sporting events and games. A plan is being worked on to maintain and enhance

the scoreboard through rental of the actual scoreboard and of space within it for advertising

- l) Peak Performance is a goal setting venture that helps kids to map out their future. It will also help the kids know what to do and how to pivot if those goals are not met.
- m) Under Armour has donated masks for all the kids and staff currently attending the school (not for kids that are doing online school). These masks are a high quality, athletic grade masks and BCSS is very grateful for the donation.
- n) Information for students currently in grade 8 will be distributed via a virtual information night that will take place on November 18. The application process will open on November 19. The due date for the application to be submitted will be December 6. Everything will be done online this year.
- o) COVID Protocols - The news that a person has tested positive comes to the school via either the parents or York Health. No names are shared with the community. If York Health deems it necessary, the entire class will have to be isolated as well. All the necessary information will be shared with parents via email. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school.
- p) There is a Facebook group for parents of BCSS kids. This is not a school Facebook page, it is not monitored by the school and nothing on it is official. If it helps parents with questions and general queries, that is great but please keep it positive. For official information please call the school or refer to the school website
- q) There will be no exams this semester. The board is currently looking at plans for the next semester.

4.0 TEACHER'S REPORT-

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Allison Fox (Department Head - Students A to F) allison.fox@yrdsb.ca
Mr. Jones - Students G to L
Mr. Gratta - Students M to Si
Ms. Jackson - Students Sk to Z
Ms. Yu - Guidance Secretary

Students can book an appointment with their guidance counsellor via Teachassist. All meetings are done through Google Meets.

Information on the guidance department can be found here → <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/billcrothers.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>

Students in Grade 12 can find all the Post Secondary Application information here. There are also links to colleges and universities that contain a wealth of information for graduating students.

Co-op Placements Needed

Co-op Placements are needed in: (preferably in the Unionville area)

- Psicology

- Sports Retail or small business related to sports
- Automotive
- Engineering

If anybody can help secure some placements, that would be greatly appreciated.

5.0 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- For voting members - All who applied have been accepted to council
- Candidates for executive positions:

Chair: Simone Elliot, Aneesah Mohamed, Van Sterijevski

Vice-Chair: Simone Elliot, Anne Johnston, Van Sterijevski, Jeff Young

Secretary: Laura Pino, Jeff Young

Treasurer: Van Sterijevski

Fundraising/Parent Engagement: Lisa Maadanian

An email will be sent to all attendees to cast your vote.

5.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS/QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

- a) Will the kids be required to complete the 80 community hours? For kids graduating this year, only 40 hours will be mandated
- b) What if a kid needs help from the teacher? The student needs to contact the teacher directly and arrange a time with him/her. There is also a Peer Tutor program that can help. Please contact Ms. Halko for more information on this program at larissa.halko@yrdsb.ca

Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 30th, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Lynch-James; seconded by Simone Elliot and Terri Russell.