

Meeting Date: Monday August 29, 2016 @ 7 pm in the Lecture Hall

### Attendance

**Staff Members:** Rose Walker, Andy Angus

**Teacher Rep:** Sara Faulkner

**Regrets:** Meshell Lynch- James

**Members:** Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Lori Mater, Joanne Hall, Eden Winick, , Susan Ebsworthy, Charmaine Collins, Jo-Anne Wallace, Marilyn Clark, Michelle Goldberg

**Student Representatives:** Maria

**Guests:**

**Regrets:** Jodi Connor, Lynne Smith-Vessio, Patty Gismondi

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## 1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

- a) Noula welcomed all to the meeting and proceeded with an inclusion activity.
- b) Approval of Minutes: approved by Eden Winick & Susan Ebsworthy

## 2.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) **Student Council:** The Student Council is now complete with representation from all levels. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> they held a retreat at the school to review upcoming year. They meet every Tuesday at lunch and all are welcome.
- b) **Teachers' Report:** -Team tryouts starting soon- information on times & sports is posted, and announced daily on the website.
  - This year's focus is based on the Board's Improvement Plan and how to integrate improvements at BCSS.
  - CDP: Cross Disciplinary Project - refers to one project assigned to cover all courses per semester, i.e. one theme 'the environment'. The goal is to make the learning very relevant. Changes will be effected this year for grade 9's.
  - Vimy Ridge Trip: Spring 2017 for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations- planning for this trip has been well underway for over a year. Parents asked how to find out about these trips.

## 3.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Rose Walker

- a) **Assemblies:** Completed all 'start of year' assemblies, to meet with Board's Safe School Policy. Opportunity to make students aware of the school's expectations.
- b) **Recent Events:**
  1. Black History Month- very successful; included workshops, dance and presentations, all were well-received by the students.
  2. OSSLT - Ministry audited us this year, but all was good.
  3. Course Verification -Verification forms were due on March 10, and determine staffing and student timetables for 2016/17 school year.

4. A partnership between York Region Board of Ed. and York University's Kinesiology Dept. - students will complete their practicum at BCSS, and CAT's will be onsite to supervise. York University is covering the cost. This program will operate through the Wellness Center - this is great for all our athletes.
5. Postsecondary Athletic Night - was well-attended, and as a result, we will continue to plan one.
6. Concussion Symposium - This evening was a big success, with over 400 people attending.

c.) Operational:

1. School Uniforms: We encountered some problems with the transition to the Under Armour Company for our school uniforms. The items did not arrive on time and many problems with the units that did arrive. All former adidas pieces will be sold at clearance prices. Please be patient as we await shipment from our new supplier. Once items are received, the Colts Store will be open the usual hours.
2. Scoreboard Newsletter: New format now available to make it easier viewing on smart phones etc.
3. Safety Week: Successful drills for Fire and Lock down.
4. Board Improvement Plan: (BISA) New format- should be available on the board website soon and will cover Modern Learning, Mental Health and Math.
5. Awards & Celebrations: All year end events went smoothly including graduation.
6. Wellness Center: Will be supported by York University: 4 days/week a therapist will be onsite.
7. EQAO: Reports due out shortly. In October students will be able to take the exam online or in written form, making it easier for any students travelling for sports competition.
8. Grade 12 Assemblies have been organized and guidance will continue to work with the students as they prepare for university and college applications.
9. Interim Reports: going out September 12<sup>th</sup>, giving an opportunity to highlight any challenging areas for students.
10. Grade 9 Com Tech Teacher - Although we have had several interviews, this position is still vacant but we are looking for the perfect candidate.
11. Academic Awards will be presented to grades 10, 11 & 12 students who achieved honour roll (80% average), the previous year.
12. Spirit Week: Many events have been planned for October 3-7, 2016.

Upcoming Dates:

September 29, 2016: Parents Night

October 3-7, 2016: Spirit Week

October: Four separate information nights for potential new students will be planned.

#### 4.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS/CONCERNS

- a) *Green Acre Volunteers*: How do students become volunteers? This is initiated and organized by teachers.
- b) *General List of Clubs and Teams*: Announcements are made daily for team tryouts; information is available on the school website. A list of all clubs will be forthcoming from Student Council.
- c) *Sports Study Program*: *Girls volleyball team* - some review of this initiative and how the participants earn school credits. We are hoping to add an additional sport next year.
- d) *Council News*: Noura distributed a handout that summarized the committees available at School Council. A request was made for volunteers needed during Homecoming.

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**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joanne Hall; seconded by Eric Issaeu.  
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