

Meeting Date: Monday November 28, 2016 @ 7 pm in the Lecture Hall

Attendance

Staff Members: Rose Walker, Andy Angus

Teacher Rep: Daraius Bharucha

Regrets:

Members: Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Joanne Hall, Eden Winick, Susan Ebsworthy, Marilyn Clark, Andrea Kalmin, Simone Elliott, Lori Mater, Lynne Smith-Vessio

Student Representatives: Maria & Callum

Guests:

Regrets: Patty Gismondi, Natalie Wong, Joanne Wallace

Next Meeting: January 30, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in Lecture Room

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

1) Student Council:

- a. Semi-Formal was very successful with over 270 attending. They will now consider a Spring Social.
- b. Holiday Event: Sick Kids has been selected as the charity to support. Activities will be organized at the school to raise funds.
- c. OSLC: 32 students attended along with two staff. This is the largest group in our history to attend. The students returned with many great ideas for fundraisers and school activities.
- d. SPC cards: Sold the entire inventory of (100) cards; next year they will order more next year. Student council makes \$3 per card sold.
- e. Student Activity fee: Once paid this helps to support many activities.

2) Teachers' Report: Daraius Bharucha

- a. Remembrance Day Ceremony: A young soldier who had done two tours in Afghanistan, came in to speak to our students; he was very well received by the students.
- b. Arts Night: December 15th 6:30-8:30PM. A great evening to showcase music, dance, drama and art achievements by our students. All encouraged to attend.
- c. Grade 12 students: Guidance is working closely with grade 12 students to assist with university applications and general guidance through the process. These students will have increased levels of stress over the next few months. Please work with them at home to encourage good study/work habits, good preparation time and time management.

- d. Course selection for the 2017-18 school year is due January 27th - this is needed to ensure proper staffing levels. Guidance counselors will work closely with students.

2.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Rose Walker/Meshell Lynch-James

1) Events:

- a. New Student Information Nights: Three separate nights were organized and were very well attended. Once again we have received a record number of applications, so interest is still very strong in the school despite the OFFSA ruling.
- b. Grad Photos completed, retakes can be booked.
- c. EQAO: Grade 9 will be on December 21st
- d. Movember campaign once again going well.
- e. Team Photos are scheduled for December 9th

2) Instructional:

- a. Term One reports cards will be distributed on January 26th following exams which will take place January 11-17th
- b. EQAO: December 21, 2016 for Grade 9's.

3) Operational:

- a. BCSS Twitter - now live, please see note recently sent with Scoreboard. Parents are welcome to follow. This will be used to release up to the minute information on a number of school related issues - i.e. school closure for weather.

4) Upcoming Dates:

- a. EQAO Support will be available on January 11& 12.
- b. Vimy Ridge Trip: This is going ahead as planned. The group of students going will contribute to the "Vimy Quilt". They are also working on a soldier research project and our students will be involved in a special ceremony while they are in France. Approximately 10,000 school children from across Canada will be going for this special celebration! Trip dates are April 3-13, 2017

3.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS/CONCERNS

1) Discussion Items:

- a) General Discussion: Concerns from numerous parents about missing teachers and the length of time to get the full time replacement or even determine if a replacement will be sought. Currently department heads are assisting in at least two situations but it has created a lot of concern among the students taking these courses as they feel they won't be fully prepared come exam time. This lack of consistence is a concern.
- b) Community Outreach: A few options were discussed i.e. book drive and equipment drive. Again this was tabled as we have had no input or suggestions from parents.
- c) Forum on Nov 21st: Noula commented that it was very well run, had break out groups, a lot of information was shared and there were excellent resources available.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting - Natalia Wong; seconded by Lori Mater.
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