

Meeting Date: Monday October 16, 2017 @ 7 pm in the Lecture Hall

Attendance

Staff Members: Meshell Lynch- James

Teacher Rep: Daraius Bharucha

Regrets: Rose Walker

Members: Lori Mater, Simone Elliott, Eden Winick, Marilyn Clark, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Marcia Banfield Smith, Maxine Eastmond, Michelle Fraser, Patty Gismondi, Sherry Hugh, Eric Issaev, Andrea Kalmin, Lynne Smith, Jo-Anne Wallace, Audrey Wega

Regrets: Sherry Hugh

Absent: Eric Issaev, Joanne Wallace

Student Representatives: Peter

Guests: Helen Staffiere, Diana Marvaez, Tammy Hibbert

Next Meeting: November 27, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in Lecture Room

1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

- a) Lori welcomed all to the meeting and proceeded with an inclusion activity.
- b) Motion made to approve the agenda by Eden and seconded by Patty. Motion passed.
- c) Approval of Minutes: post poned to next meeting

2.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) Student Leadership Council:

Homecoming Recap

Congratulations team on a great job – “Hoco” is our biggest event here and not only did we get it done however, we put up what many teachers called the greatest one yet
Great job on spirit days Canada 150 day, Jersey Day and College/University apparel.
We had great participation and we did not hear of any concerns from teachers or admin
Great Thanks to our parent council, you guys took great pressure off of BCLC on this huge day

Semi Formal

- With Semi coming up in over a month, we now have to shift our full focus from Homecoming to Semi, Semi is what we call the Prom of all grades and it's another essential of establishing our culture, especially in our younger grades or new students.
- We'd like to express our thanks to our core team for their work thus far and our focus is to gather students to come, not saying you have to come to semi, but that tickets are running out and we would love to have you
- Those who paid activity fees will see two options \$35 for fees paid BCSS student tickets and guest tickets for \$48. Those who have not paid will see two options: \$48 dollars for BCSS students who have not paid \$48 for guest tickets
- The meals are chicken parmesan with pasta with tomato basil sauce, gluten free pasta option and vegetarian/vegan option. With an ice cream and poutine bar and a photo booth
- We will be holding open committee meetings now, we need to communicate through announcements and posters which are up already, our next focus is to find decorations for the semi as well as maybe a trivia game to engage the students

Proposal Hot Chocolate fundraiser

Equality Reps

Recap of wellness meeting – (Tina Peter Athavan Erin)

The positive climates for learning committee is comprised of staff, the BCLC equality team and any student who would like to join. We have met and spoke of ways to make our common areas inclusive for all students. We are looking to put up more art work, games section in the cafe as well as a change of seating plan and couches.

Movember

Fundraiser ideas

Make committee – Dodgeball perhaps

3.0 PRINCIPAL'S & TEASCHER'S REPORT- Rose Walker/Meshell Lynch-James AND Daraius Bharucha
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1) Principal's report and Teacher's report:

Instructional

- Academic Awards Assembly – held in September. 300 plus students received honour roll
- Guidance Assemblies – met with all grades. Grade 12's met in smaller groups to talk about post high school options. Grade 11 options with courses – M, U, O. Grade 10 transition to higher grades and course selection. Grade 9 making transition from elementary school successful.
- Interim Reports – went out already.
- OSSLT Practice Test – Oct 19 modified practice test. "Scan tron" version so it was easier to mark. Teachers will mark and group the students into 3 levels to give assistance where necessary
- Parent's Night – Sept 28th . Successful.

Events/Activities

- Terry Fox run – assembly on Terry Fox Legacy. Then a school walk and picture of entire student body in letter formation. The leadership class coordinated it and it was very well put together. A great success.
- Women In Sport Symposium – Sr Girls prep basketball. Honouring Women in Sport and a fundraiser for this team. Great turn out and successful evening.
- New Student Information Nights – held Oct 3 and 12. Slightly different in 2 nights vs 3 and in 2 locations within the school plus a tour. Presentation was given by the school administration and another presentation given by guidance and the strength training teacher. Applications are now open for the 2018/19 school year.
- Homecoming – great support. Thanks to parents for participating and donating and volunteering. At the last minute the local police asked if 1,500 non-perishable food items could be collected for Hurricane Relief for the Caribbean. Great support for that from students via announcements.

Operational

- Flooding in Gym B – damage from a burst sprinkler from a game of soccer football during a Phys Ed class. No major damage. Caretaking staff acted quickly and Insurance coverage has been accessed. Mostly dried out and no mould found. Now back in use. Will watch to see if floor settles back down completely or if needs touch ups.

Upcoming Dates:

- No PA day for BCSS on October 20th (other schools in YRDSB have a PD day)

- MLP (Modern Learning Project for Grade 9's. Other grades do a Cross Curricular Task) October 23, 24, and 26th - based on the environment. First time to be doing this. So far it is going very well.
- Ontario College Fair – Oct. 23-26 – downtown at CNE grounds
- BCSS Holiday – Oct. 27th – no school
- Grad Photos – Oct, 30th – Nov. 2 – using Edge Imaging. Online booking/sign up
- TYKW/Career Day for Grade 9's – Nov. 1st (province wide). The grade 12's go on post secondary school tours. The rest of student body take part in career studies on this day connected to their subject area.
- Midterm Report Cards – Nov. 2nd
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Nov. 3rd (because BCSS has November break close to Nov 11)
- Nov 3rd Deadline for 2018-2019 Applications – take approx. 400 new students
- Immunization Clinic Nov. 13th – notice given by Public Health
- PA day – Nov. 24th
- Intergenerational project with Seniors Home – 2 students in grade 11 started this project. Grade 11 & 12 with lunch in 4B lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. Interactive by playing bingo, playing cards, read, band plays, media class, Colts TV, History and English classes to do presentation. And seniors came to watch homecoming football games. Need more boys to go (see Mr Bharucha). This was initiative from 2 grade 11 students. The seniors requested info on how to talk to teenagers. Can get volunteer hours. Could be after school hours too. IDEA make a "Colts Volunteer button" or bracelet to be earned by volunteering.

Teacher report

- EQOA - #1 school in YRDSB ! Congratulations to all.
- Remembrance Day assembly this year on Nov 3 – speaker from armed forces (tours of Afgh). Arts performance portrait in 15 min. (Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire will be sketched). Assembly will be in the morning
- Application process note – FYI teachers can't not do anything to help get students into the school
- Eco Club – lots of interest this year in this club. 37 plus students. Therefore lots of ideas and initiatives:
- 1. Memorial garden – to honour members of community no longer with us. Benches to be purchase and garden to be arranged. Location on north side of the building. To use board approved suppliers. To be worked on in the spring. IDEA – invite senior home to opening and have tea and sandwiches.
- 2. Battery drop off – donate to Cdn Diabetes Association and get \$ in return.
- 3. GOOSE paper drive

4.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS/CONCERNS

- Homecoming** (Noula) - Quieter than previous events. Spirit Wear made approx.. \$3.8K. Noula thanked all the parents who helped. Great support! And the event really needs all hands on deck to make the event such a success. Thank-you again. Keep helping. Lori thanked Noula for coordinating and organizing the event for 9 years. The council thanked her for supporting this and doing this as her children have now graduated from the school. Great Organization and recruiting volunteers
- School Raffle** - purchase raffle tickets - still going until Nov. 12. Draw to be held on Nov 13. So far raised \$3.8K. Added additional prizes still coming in: Autographed Jersey, Massage, Golf outing. Money to go towards a scoreboard. Money has been

accumulating for 4 years because of a cost of approx. \$80K. The goal is to have it installed by next homecoming for 10th anniversary.

c) **New Business: Questions/Concerns -**

- d) **Is there a Treasurers Report?** No office manages the money and there is no separate reporting
- e) **Why is the October break in November this year?** - because YRA wanted to stop play at only one week rather than 2 weeks
- f) **Dream Big School Council Training Symposium info** - Sat Oct 28 - this year at BCSS
- g) **Has the Breakfast program started?** Yes. Need cups since money granted goes to purchasing them rather than food. Plus any food connection or applying for funding connections. Students have requested smoothies therefore frozen fruit was purchased. Noura has applied for the Pro-Grant for supporting the breakfast program and it was declined. Admin staff believed they applied for the breakfast program and received money so perhaps that's why the pro=grant was declined.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting - Lynne; seconded by Noura.

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