

Meeting Date: Monday February 1, 2016 @ 7 pm in the Lecture Hall

Attendance

Staff Members: Rose Walker, Ron Zoratto, Meshell Lynch-James

Teacher Rep: Sara Faulkner

Members: Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Lori Mater, Joanne Hall, Eden Winick, Patty Gismondi, Susan Ebsworthy, Charmaine Collins, Susan Cash, Marilyn Clark, Michelle Goldberg

Student Representatives: Austin

Guests: Sharmaine Hall, Wendy Cumbo, Al Karima Haji

Regrets: Suzanne Sneek, Jodi Connor

Next Meeting: April 25, 2016.

1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

- a) Noula welcomed all to meeting and proceeded with an inclusion activity.
- b) Approval of Minutes: approved by Susan Ebsworthy; seconded by Marilyn Clark

2.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) Student Council: There was not much to report due to recent exams. Several successful fundraisers were organized over the festive season- i.e. school-wide dodge ball game. One parent requested that these events/fundraisers should be communicated to parents in a timely manner, the earlier the better.
- b) Teachers' Report: Literacy program includes more tutoring for students; teachers are working hard to assist with students to prep them for the actual test.

3.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Rose Walker

- a) Introduction:
 - A warm welcome went to our new vice principal, Meshell Lynch-James.
- b) Follow-Up from previous meeting:
 - Parents suggested better communication between school and parents regarding team tryouts, club information and other school activities. A link has been created that will connect directly to the website, also attached to the weekly newsletter.
 - Staff has been directed to complete a form that goes directly to the office to be placed on the website.
- c) Driving Road Show: This workshop is scheduled for early May and will target grade 11 students who would become "new" drivers.
- d) Incoming Students: The information night involved a new format that was well-received by the parents; 750 applications were received; 400 students accepted.

- e) Parking: The school has requested assistance from the city & police regarding our parking issues. Be aware that cars parked illegally will be ticketed and fined.
- f) CCT: Every course has this cumulative assignment. The initial idea was to create an assignment that crossed between the subjects/disciplines, but has since morphed into one assignment in each specific discipline. A committee has been created to review this.
- g) Concussion Management: There are TWO protocols - Return to Play and Return to Learn. A study was conducted at BCSS with students, staff and medical experts. The Board has decided to combine both protocols into only one. This is under review and more discussion will follow. Comments from parents suggested the protocols are confusing and suggest varying time lines.
 - This year School Council will help the Concussion Committee organize a presentation for parents that will provide the information parents need when their child is concussed.
- h) Course Selection Information Night: This evening was organized to provide both students and parents an opportunity to meet with staff and discuss different options.
- i) Operational Items: Garbage - there is an increasing amount of garbage in and around the school. The school is working to reduce this with increased signage and garbage bins. Smoking on school property is prohibited; a tobacco control officer visits the school to enforce this.
- j) Board PD Focus: Mental Health and Modern Learning: The leadership team is reviewing how to incorporate this into current teaching practices.
- k) Awards & Celebrations: There will be a Memorial event held in the spring, more details to follow.

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 16: Course selection due
 Feb 18: Interim Reports
 March 3: Parents Night
 March 31: OSSLT
 April 7: Post Secondary Athletic Night

4.0 TEACHER'S REPORT- Sara Faulkner

Course moodles are being phased out and are replaced with Google Docs; the moodles had been experiencing too many complications with email submissions.

5.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS/QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

- a) Parent Engagement Regional Symposium is March 30, 5-9 p.m.
 -Noula Halikias- Mintsoulis, Lori Mater, Susan Ebsworthy, Eden Winick and Michelle Goldberg, will attend.
- b) Parent Engagement at BCSS - A parent workshop on concussion protocol is being organized: date to be confirmed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joanne; seconded by Jodi