

Meeting Called to order at 6:40

Minutes Approved

SAC Update:

Bossilicious – big success, most students participated, great way to come together, grade 9s really liked, council and club fair – see what is available in the school

Club and OCouncil Board updated

Semi Formal – this Thursday, dinner, dance, get to know each other

Winter Assembly – students show their talents, auditions underway

Movie Night – rained out –postponed to May 9

OSSLT results:

See link to presentation

92% of First Time Eligible were successful on the OSSLT

This year approximately 400 students will write

Students writing this year are encouraged to join the OSSLT Google classroom, see the resources on the EQAO website, check out the Literacy@BOSS board, join After School Literacy Program or see Ms. Wan in the Learning Commons.

Lit Blitz activities took place in each grade 10 class to review OSSLT tasks. Practice test will be held on December 5 and additional supports will be offered to students who are not successful on this practice test

Guidance:

Career Cruising Ended – moved to My Pathway Planner. New platform for YRDSB – link available on website

Parent College Trip:

14 attendees on November 14 to go to Seneca's Markham Campus (404 and 7). Students can do a combined college program with university degree from York U.

Very hands on / practical experience offered at college

Humber is offering a tour of their campus – will be after school so available to more parents

PRO grant no longer available to pay as Conservatives cancelled the program. We utilized the bus from the grade 8 visits to accommodate parents who wanted to attend.

In the news today – 85% of college grads get a job within 6 months

Principals' Report:

Take Your Kids to High School Day – 300 grade 8s from 5 feeder schools came to visit on November 14. Many teachers and students involved.

Dress code – looked at the language this year to make it more equitable – too aimed at female students. Eliminated the provisions against du rags as it was not culturally relevant. Hats – only 7 out of 33 schools have a hat policy. Hats have no impact on learning. Makes too many negative interactions with students, looking to phase it out. Want students to have a positive relationship with staff and not focus on the hat.

Report card went home Friday

Semi formal this Thursday.

Every student counts survey – completed last week, over 1400 students have completed so far. Rest to complete this week.

Social media – be mindful of what your child is posting. Sometimes conflict starts with something posted. Also remember that things posted on the internet last forever.

- Question – any restrictions on cell phones.
- Answer – teachers work to infuse technology into their programs and sometimes they are used in class. The idea is to teach students appropriate and respectful uses of technology.

- Question – parent teacher interview is frustrating to get in? What can we do?
- Answer – difficult for teachers to see all parents. This is one opportunity to meet teachers but parent can call and set up an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Can also communicate over email and phone.

Requests for parents to attend School Council Forum on November 26 – 3 parents volunteered.

Parent Council partook in tour of school as part of Grade 8 Open House at 7:25 pm.

Next meeting January 14 at 6:30 pm in the library

