



School Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022 – Hybrid meeting

<u>Agenda Items</u>	Minutes
	<p>Start 7:00 pm – School Library and MS Teams.</p> <p>Attendees: Alex Cory – Principal Elissa D’Souza – Vice-Principal Kim Spiller – Guidance Student Council President Student Council Secretary Chris Duggan – Chair Lena Singh – Vice-Chair 6 Parent members at the library – Names not recorded by minute taker. 4 parents members online – Names no recorded by minute taker.</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Carolyn Rowe – Treasurer Emmy Kelly - Secretary</p> <p>Land Acknowledgement For a full description see October 18 PowerPoint slide 3.</p> <p>Introductions Staff, students, and parents stated their names, school roles, and children’s grades.</p>
Approval of previous meeting minutes-Chair	Approved

Student Report	<p>Relay for Life: The student council is fundraising in order to run this event next spring. Relay for Life is a full day of activities raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.</p> <p>School Buddies: The program has started, older grade students support new students to adapt and do well.</p> <p>House Colours: Students from various grades are grouped in house colours to promote student integration and to give students that do not belong to a club to also have the opportunity to join in activities throughout the year.</p>
Teacher Report	<p>Itty Bitty Free Store: The teachers are working on having classes participate as part of projects, the store will run all year long and will give opportunities to exchange various items for free. There was talk about having it open during parent-teacher night. The opening date is October 24 in the former Student Council Room in the cafeteria.</p> <p>Breakfast Program: Room 153 every day from 8 to 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome. This program is funded through grants and all students are welcome.</p> <p>Food Pantry: This program is coming soon. Delivery of food is expected on October 19, 2022. The organizer is exploring and finding interest within the school community about what types of food they should be buying. The students can take items home, this program is also run with a government grant and if the money runs out the parent council could support it.</p> <p>Student success has a good food program for those who may need food at different times in a more discrete manner.</p> <p>A question arose about when the cafeteria will start to operate again. The principal stated sometime soon as the equipment needs to be ready and there is a need for staff to run it. Cafeteria staff found</p>

	<p>other jobs during the pandemic and the school is working on having it open again.</p> <p>Can we bring food trucks during lunch? No due to challenges around the accountability of owners regarding meeting YRDSB safety measurements and documentation requirements.</p>
Admin. Report	
Future Meeting dates and topics	The next council meeting is on November 22 at 7 pm. Focus to be Post-Secondary Destinations.
Guidance; Intentions, and Programming at Denison	<p>Course Intentions: We are asking students to use <i>student voice</i> to select the courses they would like to see available next school year 2023-2024. This is due on MyBluePrint/My pathway planner by Period 1 on November 16. Students need to select both compulsory and electives.</p> <p>The final course selection based on what would be offered is due on February 2023.</p> <p>Take your Kids to Work: Grades 9 can select from various options on November 2. Grade 9 students not able to participate with a parent have options at school.</p> <p>Grade 8's will visit our school and spend a day in the grade 9 classrooms. Planning is underway to have food options available for them.</p>
Principal Report	<p>Interim Reports: The reports are coming electronically on October 19, 2022.</p> <p>Meet the Teacher on October 27.</p> <p>House Assembly on November 1.</p> <p>Grade Assemblies on Nov. 7 - Grade 9, Nov. 8- Grade 10, and Nov. 9 – Grade 11. All assemblies will take place during period 3.</p> <p>York Region 2022 Anti-Human Trafficking Conference – Virtual conference on October 19, 20, 26, and 27 from 6 to 9 pm. For more information see slide 11 of PowerPoint.</p>

NACCA presents T.E.A.C.H. a six-week mental health foundational program for Black youth. Open to youth ages 12 to 25. Starting on November 9 to December 14 from 6 to 7 pm. For more information see slide 12 of PowerPoint.

Personalized Alternative Education: Focusing on the Individual Student Needs.

1. Lower classroom – currently capped at 16 students at our school.
2. Teachers and guidance identify the need, but some students can self-identify.
3. Students with IEP's or mental health.
4. Frequent student success meetings.
5. Slides 14 to 18 provide further information.

International Certificate Program:

1. Academic Focused.
2. Our school is the only one offering this program in York Region.
3. Entry in grades 9, 10 and 11. Application and interview are requirements for entry.
4. Four key areas of study and completion of Legacy Project. ICP advisor assigned.
5. Slides 19 to 24 provide further information.

Cooperative Education:

1. Classroom theory and practical experience integration.
2. This is a credit earning program. Either 2 or 4 credit (half of full day).
3. Grade 11 and 12 students.
4. Complete requirements of SHSM Program. OYAP, Accelerated OYAP and Trades.
5. Slides 25 to 29 provide further information.

SHSM (Special High Skills Major):

1. Specific courses based on the goals they want to pursue. Business, specific certifications.
2. Two teacher leaders.

	<p>3. Guidance recommends if the student is university bound to complete the CO-OP requirement on grade 11.</p> <p>4. Slides 30 to 35 provide further information.</p>
Food Programs @ Denison	<p>Grab and Go cart Room 153 – Breakfast Program Room 201 – Student Centre Room 203 Healthy School Funding</p> <p>Thanks to Public Health Nurse Michelle D. a lot of grant applications have been obtained for various programs.</p>
Council Discussion Items	<p>The principal profile should be updated. Find information and templates on the following links. Homework for next meeting.</p> <p>https://staffweb-yrdsb.msapproxy.net/boarddocs/Documents/SD-schoolcouncilhandbook.pdf</p> <p>https://files.ontario.ca/pdf-2/edu-school-councils-guide-members-en-2022-03-07.pdf</p> <p>Do we need to update the school council constitution?</p>
Other Items	<p>Verification of \$160 remaining from 2021-2022 finalized contest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Council contest for 2022 – 2023 • Table as item for reflection and sharing November 22. • Invite Student Council to reflect. • Ask about school's focus on well-being and mental health and inclusive education. •
Next meeting: Tuesday, November 22 at @ 7.00 PM - Hybrid	