

Attendance Neil, Kapil, Danielle, Elena, Judy, Lee, Ellen, Jill, Dan, Caroline, Guy, Danny, George, Anna, Mila, Josephine, Lorie, Sally, Anastasia, Michelle and Rhonda, Raymond, Maria, Dan

welcome / greetings,

guy opened meeting,

approval of mins from last meeting, Maria made 1 change of prep basketball not running this year. The expectation is that it will run next year.

We lost 5-6 of our top players on the Prep team. Coaches felt there was not enough players to be competitive.

Girls team is harder to maintain

In future, minutes to be sent in word not pdf so errors could be easily corrected before we approve as a committee.

Pass mins – Lee and Jill approve mins.

Student Council

No student rep present.

Lee spoke about Louis Feschette parent night

Parent there asked about the waterloo survey – credit article

Lee explained

A few parents approached lee saying their children do not want to attend Vaughan due to this article. Wanted to give Maria a heads up when she visits the school

Maria will be attending Brownridge PS and Frechette as she was invited to speak to grade 8 parents/students.

EQAO

Sharing results from testing

Gr 10 writing literacy Gr 9 writing mathematics

First time writers are students currently in grade 10 of the 2018-2019 academic year

Previously eligible students who were absent, deferred or not successful during the previous year. This also includes students in gr 11-12 who just arrived at Vaughan

Literacy

Good news our first-time students up 90% pass up from 86

Previous students up to 61% from 48%

Areas to work on

Reading graphic text activities

More than half of students achieved below provincial standards

Students scored poorly on multiple choice related to sentence structure, grammar and dictation.

2 years ago, special needs students if outlined in their EIP were allowed extra time now everyone is allowed extra time.

The test is all written by hand unless the student has a SEA laptop, they can use it

### EQAO Presentation

Teachers/school plan

Teachers are referring students if they need extra attention to literacy teacher

Coordination within class teacher,

Look at samples of different writings.

Afterschool literacy course – recommendation from teachers this is for students who are struggling in class.

Google classroom

Literacy blitz for gr 10 in Feb/Mar

Continuous communication with parents and teachers

Extra help

Practice tests,

Last year gr 9 practice test in may indicated that all need help in writing paragraphs, comprehension and writing conventions are ok.

Grade 10 test date, MARCH 31

### MATH UPDATE

Academic results (see link above for information)

Applied 41 % level 3 and 4

Teacher / school plan

Involve math in all aspects of learning in classrooms

Math is one of the strands aligned with the board's goals

Speak positive about math

Support

DO NOT SAY MATH IS HARD

Extra help /math club

Mathify – gr 7-10 one on one tutoring

Prepanywhere.com (contains all of the solutions of most of the math that is taught video solutions only up to grade 11)  
Khan academy - this is a website

#### TOPICS/ Maria

- Mental health
- Police
- Lung ass about vaping
- Anti Semitic (Islamic phobic)
- Bullying – awareness re differences/acceptances
- Nutrition and hygiene
- Sex trafficking

Will come up with time periods and will be notified within a week.

#### Guidance topics

Applying to universities / colleges apprenticeships

Scholarships – November

Math – January

Co-op and SHSM (business/arts & culture/health& wellness)

#### SHSM CAREER SHOWCASE

Thursday, November 28 for students 9-1130 (period 1 and 2)

guess speakers for students looking at different pathways and programs available in the board.

SHSM OYAP, Dual credit, summer coop etc.

various speakers (between 15-20) Chef, artist, photography, maple leaf sports and entertainment, fitness business owner, lawyer. Some speakers are Vaughan alumni

#### OSSLT gr 10 literacy test

October 24, college fair we have 2 buses,

Parents are being invited

Bus leaves at 9 and returns by 2pm

#### CUPE Strike

ECA, ECE, secretaries, administration, caretakers etc.

The week of no support the school was not as dirty as anticipated.

#### TEACHERS

Have not heard of any plans yet, business is normal, everyone is working.

#### Mental health

- Tough month Aurora lost a student due to death by suicide
- Another student – death by suicide in the kindergarten pen
- There is a protocol to follow when a situation arises
- Students dealing with any form of trauma are just as valuable vs students dealing with any mental health concerns,
- Recommendation for mental health first aid
- Anxiety feeds into depression
- Kids help line

#### Teacher report

Lee suggestion for honor roll cert for sports and other achievements.

Mention to Bethany to look into creating and implementing the certificates

Question why we do this?? Because other schools do.....is this in the best interest of ALL students? Let's discuss more about this.

List of all clubs is posted by the Guidance

Maria will attempt to post a list of all clubs with corresponding teacher admin plus all dates and times of when they meet with their room number.

#### TEACHER REPORT

Soccer team from Whales is coming in to play a game at 230pm on Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> which is also parent teacher night.

Band is playing

This will be a big event. The whole school will be out watching.

Danielle suggestion to call the city to rent bleachers for rent for the soccer game forward email to Maria

Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> parent night, soccer game, auction, and university and college fair.

Midterm report will be out 19<sup>th</sup> of November

Adjourned

Next meeting Nov 18<sup>th</sup>