

Huron Heights SS
School Council Agenda/Minutes-April 4, 2022

Item	Information/ Discussion	Presenter
Welcome and Introductions	<p>All were welcomed. In Attendance: Mr. Gordon, Mr. McArthur, Ms. Austring, Ms. Rice, Tim Greenwood, Sandra Thomas, Jennifer Chaggares, Jennifer Di Pietro, Meredith Clubine, Nicole Meltzer, Sarah Carter, Andria Babbington Jill Kyle was absent and sent her regrets.</p> <p>Everyone introduced themselves and said something they are looking forward to.</p> <p>Tim Greenwood led us in the land acknowledgment.</p>	Mr. Gordon and Tim
Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved by Sandra Thomas and seconded by Tim Greenwood.	Tim
Student Council Report	No rep in attendance	
Staff Report	Still no staff member attending or participating in School Council	Mr. Gordon
Administration Reports	<p>Upcoming Events: Prom will be on June 2nd at Willow Springs from 6-9 pm. It will be an outdoor event. Deposit from 2020 was honoured. Ticket sales and pricing to come. Graduation will be June 27th at Springvale Church in Stouffville. 2 people may attend with each grad. The event will be live streamed and recorded. Teachers and office staff are working hard to make this a great event. Clubs/Sports/Arts: All able to run as before Covid. Spectators are allowed to watch. Virtual Schools: Parents were sent an email with a link to a form to fill out if their child plans to attend "Virtual School" next year. Form must be filled out by April 7th. Virtual School will be a separate school with separate principal and other admin staff. It will not be connected to in-person schools. Grade 12 Yearbook Update: Enough yearbooks were ordered to produce one. Mr. McCarther and Ms. Rice will be meeting with the Student Council this week. Grade 12 students, teachers and coaches will soon be receiving a link to upload photos they might like to be included in the year book. Yearbook will likely be delivered in October. Addressing Incidents of Hate: Mr. Gordon led a discscussion focused around the recent anti-semitic and racist comments found in a washroom stall. Staff are trying to figure out a way to better deal with and address these issues with students and staff. Perhaps assemblies, conversations, group discussions. Mr. Gordon asked for suggestions from those in attendance. Tim Greenwood suggested having the</p>	Mr. Gordon, Mr. McArthur, Ms. Rice and Ms. Austring

	<p>speaker Anthony McClean come to speak with students on his experience with racism. Tim also suggested having a gathering/meeting with anyone who feels concerned or affected. Sarah Carter echoed Tim's suggestion and added that staff need to create a better atmosphere around the school where students feel celebrated for success instead of just getting in trouble for being in hallways etc. If the admin can be more approachable and positive, students would feel more comfortable talking to them about the issues. Nicole Meltzer gave another perspective, that her son (a student at Huron) felt that the situation was handled well and likes the idea of a group gathering to discuss the issues further.</p>	
School Council Report	<p>Parent Engagement Advisory Committee Regional Symposium-Parent Voice Matters, will be held virtually on May 4, 2022 from 7-9pm.</p> <p>Popular Theatre: Tim Greenwood plans to research the possibility of Popular Theatre curriculum or workshops added to the Dramatic Arts Curriculum at Huron Heights and other York Region schools with Drama in their curriculum.</p> <p>Popular theatre is a powerful tool for exploring social issues and provides opportunities for students to realise theatre can be used beyond the theatre in many different forms. His interest comes from the fact he had four kids attend Drama at Huron Heights, studied theatre himself at university and was part of a group offering popular theatre workshops inside Canadian prisons.</p> <p>Groups that do Popular Theatre in the GTA and could possibly offer workshops at Huron Heights or other area schools:</p> <p>Theatre of the Beat https://theatreofthebeat.ca/</p> <p>Shadowpath Theatre https://shadowpaththeatre.mystrikingly.com/</p> <p>Mixed Company Theatre https://mixedcompanytheatre.com/who-we-are/our-artists/</p> <p>Pro grant Speaker Series: This continues to run and the next speaker is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, April 6th on Human Trafficking There have been three presentations so far and they have been excellent but not well attended so please spread the word and share the link with family and friends..</p>	Tim and Sandra
New Business	<p>Funds: The school does have funds to support families who need help with prom, graduation, yearbooks, sporting events etc. Perhaps we could look at fundraising in the fall.</p>	Tim
Adjourned	Meeting was adjourned at approx 7:45 pm	Mr. Gordon
Next Meeting	Dates for Future meetings:- May 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm	

