

Huron Heights SS  
School Council Agenda/Minutes-Sept. 20, 2021

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, Jill Kyle, Sarah Carter, Nicole Meltzer, Meredith Clubine, Jennifer Di Pietro, Kim Bridge, Jane Zahra, Francesco Miscure, Robyn Sevel, Lucy Zhang, Rick Wilson; Students: Erik, Cadence, Kenadee</p> <p>Everyone introduced themselves and parents said who their children were at Huron.</p>	Tim Greenwood
Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved by Kim Bridge and seconded by Tim Greenwood.	Tim
Student Council Report	<p>3 students from the Student Council were in attendance: Erik, Cadence, Kenadee They reported that they are back and running after a long break and a slow start. -15-20 spirit days are planned for the school year such as jersey day, crazy mask day, festive sweater day, PJ day, Twin day, etc. -Remembrance Day wreaths with each student's name on them were displaced through out the school, great success, brought the school community together -hoping to bring back Wellness Wednesday. Ms. Rice said, "YES!!" -hoping to have "Huron Poppits" made as a stress reliever for students Mr. Gordon thanked the Student Council for the great job they are doing and for the announcements each morning.</p>	Erik and Cadence
Staff Report	<p>To be shared at a future meeting -still looking for a staff member to participate in the School Council meetings</p>	Mr. Gordon
Administration Reports	<p><b>-Budget and Fundraising:</b> It was explained that money for the school comes from two places, the Ministry, which covers the cost of instructional in-class learning, and School Generated Funds that come from Fundraising, ticket sales, etc. Money that is fundraised needs to be used in the same school year and there needs to be a fundraising plan. -We do have \$500 in the budget from the Ministry to use. -The idea of bringing in a guest speaker for the students was discussed. The motivational speaker Sarah Wells through the "Believe Initiative" was suggested. Sarah is a former Olympic Athlete and past contestant on the Amazing Race Canada. Cost would be \$1500 for a virtual presentation or \$2500 for in person. 30 or 60 minutes.</p> <p><b>De-streaming:</b> Mr. Gordon shared a video from the board on De-streaming and explained what that means -currently only grade 9 math is de-streamed but additional de-streamed</p>	Mr. Gordon, Mr. McArthur, Ms. Austring and Ms. Rice



	<p>courses will be added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-students currently in grade 9 will continue with de-streamed math in grade 10</li> <li>-<b>OSSLT</b>- Ms. Austring explained how it will work this year.</li> <li>-On Nov 23 non-graduating grade 12 students will write in the library and this will be a regular school day for the rest of the students</li> <li>-On Nov 25 all grade 11 students will write the OSSLT and this will be an asynchronous learning day for all other students</li> <li>-practice tests can be found on the EQAO website</li> <li>-new this year: tests will be written using computers</li> </ul> <p><b>-Student Photos and Yearbook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Picture Day will be on Dec 13 and 14 and in the spring for grads</li> <li>-Yearbook: still looking for a staff member to take on this very big task, it used to be a course but decreased student interest has led to cancelling the course</li> <li>-finding a staff member to supervise is a challenge</li> </ul> <p><b>-Exams:</b>No exams this semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-teachers can incorporate the 30% exam portion into the course work grade or have a summative</li> </ul> <p><b>Dress Code:</b>there is discussion amongst staff to redesign the school dress code, a survey will be going out to students, staff and parents</p>	
<p>School Council Report</p>	<p><b>School Council forum:</b> was held on Nov. 8 and Tim, Sandra and Mr. Gordon attended</p> <p>Linda Gilbert is our school trustee and can be contacted if we have concerns: Telephone (416) 509-6900, Email <a href="mailto:linda.gilbert@yrdsb.ca">linda.gilbert@yrdsb.ca</a></p> <p><b>Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC):</b> is a committee to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.</p> <p><b>Engagement Matters Newsletter</b>  <a href="https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/PEAC%20Newsletter%20%20-%20Sept%202021.pdf">https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/PEAC%20Newsletter%20%20-%20Sept%202021.pdf</a></p> <p>-If parents want to offer their input or concerns about the current school timetable and lunch schedule they could reach out to our Trustee Linda Gilbert, reach out to the Ontario Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, reach out to PEAC or also reach out to the Newmarket Parent Network – there is a Facebook page.</p> <p><b>PRO Grant:</b> this grant of \$500 from the school board can be applied for and used to support parents. Last year several schools pooled money together and offered 4 presentations for parents to attend online. Council would like to apply for this again. Application deadline is Dec.6, 2021</p> <p>We have 12 choices in speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Human (Teen) Trafficking in York Region by BridgeNorth &amp; U-R Home Awareness &amp; Support Services</li> <li>2. Social Media Use, Internet Safety &amp; Mental Health by Scott Ste. Marie</li> <li>3. Positive Mental Health/Resilience by Anthony McLean and/or Sarah Westbrook (UPower) and/or Pinball Clemons and/or Mark Henick</li> <li>4. Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Unconscious Bias in Education by Alexis Dawson and/or NACCA and/or Parents of Black Children and/or ANCHOR</li> <li>5. Indigenous Diversity Awareness and Education by Kendal Netmaker and/or Asha Frost</li> <li>6. Addressing Anti-Asian Racism % Social Inclusion by Asian Canadian Educators Network and/or Dr. Mary Reid</li> <li>7. Digital Intelligence by Jennifer Casa-Todd or Chris Vollum or Paul Davis</li> </ol>	<p>Tim and Sandra</p>



	<p>8. Navigating the IEP/IPRC Process by Children’s Treatment Network  9. Addictions/Substance Abuse (drugs/alcohol/gaming) by Canadian Mental Health Association  10. Building Empathy in our Children/Teens by Michele Borba  11. Financial Literacy by Ten Toonies Financial or Money School Canada  12. Sustainability Matters with Families in the Suburbs by Sarah Robertson-Barnes</p> <p>Tim and Mr. Gordon to coordinate with other schools to make this happen.</p> <p><b>School Council Email:</b> formal email address to be used by the school council for communication to board and between schools  <b>Student School Schedule:</b> there was some discussion on the problem with only one lunch period, Plaza being over-run, not enough room for students to sit and eat, winter coming, what is being done?  -Mr. Gordon spoke on how the two classes per day is a ministry directive, they are aware of the problem and looking for solutions. Gym could be used but intramurals may be starting, larger classrooms could be used but there is an issue of cleaning them before the next class comes. There is a caretaker shortage.  -However, parent’s voices are heard and we need to raise them. Shameela is the Parent Leader of the Newmarket Parent Network. She is a strong advocate and can be contacted through facebook.  -There is an online petition parents can sign: "Go Back to 4-Course A Day Timetable" <a href="https://chnng.it/8nXcj6S9Fx">https://chnng.it/8nXcj6S9Fx</a></p>	
New Business	<p><b>Yearbook:</b> Several parents expressed their wish that students do receive a yearbook this year. It was asked if parents can help. The answer is yes and several parents offered to help. Mr. Gordon said that a staff member is still needed to supervise. Another challenge is that parents are not allowed into the building at this time. Maybe it can be done remotely. This issue will continue to be addressed.</p>	Mr. Gordon
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm	Mr. Gordon
Next Meeting	<b>Dates for Future meetings:-</b> Feb 15, Apr. 4, May 16.	

