

Huron Heights SS School Council Minutes- January 23, 2023
 At HHSS library in person from approximately 7 pm – 8 pm

ITEM	INFORMATION/DISCUSSION	PRESENTER
Welcome and Introduction	Tim Greenwood chaired the meeting. All were welcomed In attendance: Erik Gordon (Principal), Corey McArthur (VP), Tim Greenwood, Jennifer Di Pietro, Amy McBride, Joann Facchini, Kanadee Thomas (Student Council) Regrets: Sandra Thomas (School Council Co-Chair) Minutes were taken by Tim Greenwood	Tim Greenwood as Co-Chair
Review and acceptance of Previous Minutes	Members present moved to accept minutes of previous meeting	
Student Council Report	Kanadee updated us on activities of student council. Council is working on planning Semi-Formal for all interested students. They had one venue lined up that was going to cost \$88 per student but one of the council members had a lead with a place where they work and they now have a potential deal with a venue, dinner and DJ where the cost should be much more affordable - \$65 per student. The date for the Semi will probably have to be in March which puts it closer to Prom. Council is looking at a Spring Bazaar to raise money which might run both Saturday and Sunday of a weekend and where outside vendors could sell and tables would go for about \$50 each. This is something that is done often by elementary schools to raise money. It might likely happen outside. Erik Gordon spoke up about the value of the Semi for students. He will work with the Student Council around the logistics of the Bazaar.	Kanadee Thomas
Staff Reports	There is still no staff representative on the Council so there was no official report from Staff. Erik reported that one of the concerns of staff are all the implications of upcoming De-Streaming.	No Staff present to offer report
Admin Reports	<p>Corey reported that students received a copy of their timetable for Semester 2 in December, an updated version will be emailed to students and parents on February 3rd, 2023. There will be assemblies for students on the course selection process on Feb 8th for grade 11's and grade 12's coming back; Feb 9th for grade 10's and then Feb 10th for grade 9's. The cut-off date for selecting courses for next year will be Feb 24th. In addition to the destreamed courses offered this year, grade 9 English will be destreamed. There will be a new computer coding course in grade 10. There will be a new course on First Nations in grade 11 English. Student and teachers are completing a survey on DE streaming, we believe that there will be a survey going out to parents in second semester related to De-Streaming.</p> <p>Erik reported that there will be a School Council Forum happening for schools in the north of YRDSB at Mulock High on Feb 15 and Huron Hts could bring from 8 to 10 representatives. Dinner is included. So far Tim and Erik are committed to going. Tim will send out information about the event to all attendees of School Council this year to see who else might be interested.</p> <p>Fund-Raising: Erik noted that there is currently some fund-raising happening at HHSS – one example is fund-raising for the Theatre program. He noted that fund-raising is much more part of Elementary School Councils but it would be good for the School Council together with administration to develop a fund-raising plan and strategy for the rest of this year and going into the next school year. We discussed how extra funds were needed and could be</p>	Corey McArthur and Erik Gordon

	used for improvements such as benches in one of halls where students meet as well as improvements to the library – which is one of the largest open spaces in the YRDSB. Erik will meet with Tim Greenwood and Sandra Thomas Co-Chairs in February to discuss Fund-Raising strategies and bring to next school council meeting.	
School Council Report	<p>Principal Profile: We reviewed the profile that Tim had created consulting with some other parents and through studying the profiles from other schools. The profile was accepted by those present with a few additions. Tim will send the updated version to Erik and it will stand as the profile for the current school year.</p> <p>PRO (Parent Reaching Out). Tim explained that schools in the YRDSB are each given approximately \$800 to utilize to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning. For the past several years these funds have been pooled between a number of schools to plan presentations for parents on areas of focus such as mental health, diversity and inclusion, understanding different school policies, sustainability, indigenous issues and anti-racism. Last year there were 20 schools involved and this year there will not be quite as many. The planning of these presentations is spearheaded by Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel a parent and someone very engaged in educational issues. Tim reported that Shameela is working on planning similar presentations this year – some will be online and others in person. All present supported HHSS pooling our funds and being part of the group planning collective presentations. Erik said that Huron Heights would be pleased to offer the cafeteria as a space for an in person presentation. Tim will be meeting with Shameela and other school reps next week to plan further.</p>	Tim Greenwood
Other Business: Update on the Cafeteria	One of the parents inquired when the cafeteria would be open so that students could order food. Erik and Corey explained that the Cafeteria Contract was given to Compass Foods and the “soft opening” of the cafeteria is planned for Feb 14 th .	Erik and Corey gave update
Adjournment of meeting	The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 pm	
	Next Meeting: Monday March 20 at 6 pm in HHSS Library	