

Huron Heights SS School Council Minutes- March 20, 2023  
 At HHSS library in person from approximately 7 pm – 8 pm

ITEM	INFORMATION/DISCUSSION	PRESENTER
<b>Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Introduction</b>	<p>Tim Greenwood chaired the meeting. All were welcomed</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Erik Gordon (Principal), Angie Cowan (VP), Tim Greenwood (Co-Chair), Sandra Thomas (Co-Chair), Jennifer Di Pietro, Nicole Meltzer, Sarah Carter, Chantal LaBarre, Coleen Burr, Kenadie Thomas (Student Council President)</p> <p><b>Minutes were taken by</b> Tim Greenwood</p>	<b>Tim Greenwood as Co-Chair</b>
<b>Review and acceptance of Previous Minutes</b>	<p><b>Overlooked</b></p> <p>We will review and accept the minutes of January and March meeting at our next meeting in May.</p>	
<b>Student Council Report</b>	<p>Kenadie updated us on activities of student council. The big upcoming event is the school semi-formal. They managed to get a break on the price by holding it at a place where a member of the Student Council worked - the Millrun Golf Course in Uxbridge. The original cost was going to be \$95 but it was lowered to \$75 because there was great interest. There will be approximately 270 there and the max is 300. It will run from 5.30 to 10 pm, there will be a sit-down meal with groups sitting together, photo booths, a djay and dancing. There will be students from all grades in attendance. Not sure of the details of the Prom yet but it will be happening in June location TBD. Kenadie also reported that students are more comfortable with the demands of school, exam and summatives having made it through the first semester.</p>	<b>Kenadie Thomas</b>
<b>Admin Reports</b>	<p><b>Angie Cowan VP was present along with Erik Gordon representing Administration.</b></p> <p>Erik said how great it was to have more activities for students and extracurricular events like the recent performance of Once Upon a Mattress (that was extended due to the snowstorm). He noted how many staff and students were involved and how Mrs. O'Connor from the Math dept actually was involved in creating the costumes. There was a meeting of the Heads of Departments and they discussed assessments. Some students were overwhelmed with summatives as well as exams. They had conversations about the possibilities of more oral assessment and other possible adjustments.</p> <p><b>School Fundraising Approach/Policy:</b> Erik noted that it would be good to have a consistent approach, guidelines and targets related to fundraising by the School Council and the School community for school projects and other initiatives to benefit the school and students. He has reached out to other schools and most do not have a well-developed policy or approach. Erik noted a Fund-Raising approach could involve deciding on the key areas in which to raise funds and then creating targets for them and then keeping track of funds raised under each line. Funds raised are to be submitted to the school where they will be deposited in a designated account for School Generated Funds. Sarah Carter has been spearheading fundraising for the Theatre Program with other parents and has funds that she will submit. We will put this subject up for discussion for last meeting of the year in May and will work on some possible targets. Some headings could include Mental Wellness as well as raising funds for specific departments. We will aim at creating a target for September.</p> <p><b>School Improvement Plan:</b> There has not been much attention put to working on this plan as energy has been exerted in dealing with all</p>	<b>Erik Gordon</b>

	<p>the challenges of the Pandemic and coming out of it. This will be addressed in the upcoming year.                  Graduation/Commencement will take place on Monday June 26, 2023 at Springvale Church in Stouffville.</p>	
<b>School Council Report</b>	<p><b>Tim and Chantal reported briefly on the School Council Forum</b> which took place on Feb 15 at Mulock High and was attended by the two of them as well as Corey McArthur from HHSS. There was a presentation for the gathered assembly on the YRDSB approach and strategy to promote Mental Health for the student community with online presentations by staff and student reps. There were also breakout groups. There was not a lot of sharing amongst School Councils on how to become more effective but Tim said his breakout group was how to more effectively engage the school community and draw more parents to school councils.</p> <p><b>Parent Reaching Out Presentations.</b> We have tentative dates and speakers for presentations on various areas of interest. This year we have pooled together funds from 8 different Newmarket and area schools. Here is the tentative schedule. We are still awaiting the final approval from the YRDSB.LDAYR free virtual talk on IEPs/accommodations/transitions on Thursday, April 20th (not NPN/promote)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BridgeNorth (\$600) - human trafficking @Crossland on Tuesday, <u>April 25th</u></li> <li>• Glenn Marais (\$1200+) - drums/mindfulness @HHSS on Thursday, April 27th</li> <li>• Dreams for PEACE (\$800) - diversity/equity/inclusion @Stuart Scott on Wed May 3rd</li> <li>• Chris Vollum (\$1500+) - social media/cyber safety @Glen Cedar on Thurs, May 11th</li> <li>• action against racism (NACCA &amp; other organizations) @NHS on May???</li> <li>• Healthy relationships/decisions &amp; consequences (YRP - free) @Alex Muir on May???? — vaping/drugs/alcohol; student-on-student violence/bullying; racism/hate speech &amp; symbols</li> </ul>	<b>Tim Greenwood</b>
<b>Other Business:</b>	<p><b>Problems with Apps</b> for booking meet the teacher appointments not working well. It was noted there are challenges with the school IT and the one app is not board supported or managed. Also issues with Ebsby – some parents went in and no teachers listed at all. Not sure what next step is.</p> <p><b>Lack of Yearbook and Hoodies for Grads.</b> It was observed that this year’s grads will not be getting a yearbook (there was no yearbook class as no teacher was willing to take this on) and no hoodies. Apparently the school lost money on the grad memory book last year as they printed according to projected demand but many were not purchased. There was a discussion that perhaps students’ expectations have changed given all that has happened over the past few years. It was left open that it was possible that a Hoodie with HHSS and the year on it could be looked into. Some talked of a possible cost around \$50. This is possible and some people will be looking into this but no clear responsibility.</p>	<b>Discussion and items brought up Sandra Thomas and by others present</b>
<b>Adjournment of meeting</b>	The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 pm	
	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Monday May 15, 2023 at 6 pm in HHSS Library	