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ITEM	INFORMATION/DISCUSSION	PRESENTER
Welcome and Introduction	<p>Tim Greenwood chaired the meeting. All were welcomed In attendance: Erik Gordon (Principal), Deborah Austring (Vice Principal), Monika and Shawn Whitton, Nicole Meltzer, Chantal LaBarre, Patrick Smith, Stephanie Lock, Sarah Carter, Coleen Burr, Jennifer Di Pietro, Mike Koehlo, Tracy Nessinis, Sandra Thomas (Co-Chair), Kanadee Thomas (Student Council). (There were no minutes from the first meeting – Tim Greenwood will work at putting together minutes to cover key details)</p>	Tim Greenwood as Co-Chair
Student Council Report	<p>Kanadee updated us on activities of student council including purchasing Halloween candies and having them available for students. She said they may plan involvement in Relay for Life in the New Year for students. There will be no Festive Dinner this year but they are planning to put together Care Packages with essentials for community members in need. Kanadee noted that events like Prom are very important for students and they could really benefit from getting support fundraising as to book venues they often have to have several thousand dollars up front. The students recoup the money from ticket sales but they don't get these funds until later.</p>	Kanadee Thomas from Student Council
Staff Reports	<p>Athletic activities and teams have been running this fall and will begin again shortly. The music department and choirs will be putting on a Seasonal show at the Markham Theatre on December 15</p>	Erik Gordon
Administrative Reports	<p>Assessment and Evaluation There will be a true exam period in January which will be challenging for many students as some have never had exams in high school. In some cases there could be a final summative worth 30%. Kanadee asked how students will be prepared or supported for exams as for many it is new and creates worry. Deborah and Erik noted this was important to consider and there will be efforts to prepare students. Students will be expected to be present for exams and going away for a vacation will not be considered a reasonable excuse to miss an exam. Extenuating circumstances like illness would be a legitimate reason to miss an exam and there could be other circumstances.</p>	Erik Gordon and Deborah Austring
	<p>Principal Profile The YRDSB expects every parent group at each school to create a "Principal Profile" setting out the key characteristics and attributes they feel are best for their school. This should be done as soon as possible. Erik shared an example with us. Tim Greenwood and Sandra Thomas will work on some approach – it could be a sent out survey – to build this profile. We should aim to have this done by mid December at the latest.</p>	Erik Gordon
	<p>Identity Specific Student Groups Erik wanted parents to be aware that there are a number of groups and clubs at Huron that represent different groups within the school. For example there is the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) and another group representing Black students called the Black Excellence. They had a recent event on Remembrance Day where students from Huron and other schools came together and bussed to some events in the community. He heard that it was an enjoyable experience for the participants</p>	Erik Gordon
School Council Report	<p>Fundraising We talked about how fundraising could help out student events like the Prom. Not sure what the fundraising could be. Sandra asked if having a Venue donate their space would be permitted and Erik said yes. Apparently one of the students on Council works at the Cardinal Golf Course (where they have had events in the past) and they are going to investigate whether they might be able to get a deal.) Tim and Sandra discussed attending a future meeting</p>	Tim and Sandra and Erik

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	<p>of the Student Council to discuss how the School Council could help them with fundraising. Erik explained that we cannot send out information about fundraising in school bulletins because the CASL (Canada's Anti-Spam legislation) bans doing this unless there is written consent. This information can be posted in the school, or students can take home information. Emails can be sent out to families that have consented to receive these requests.</p>	
	<p>Fundraising for the Theatre Arts Program Sarah spoke to the fundraising to support the Drama program as they had funds cutback this year. The first fundraiser is Happy Hippo bath products – 15% of each purchase will go toward the fundraising. Later on there will be a Little Cesar's fundraising event.</p> <p>Seeking out Names of HH Alumni working in the Arts Tim is in the process of seeking out the names of graduates from Arts Huron that have gone on to work in the Arts field. It would be nice to have this list for current students and maybe at some future time past grads might connect with students virtually or we could even plan a performance event to raise funds. Deborah suggested Tim reach out to current teachers, some who have been around for years, and they might know of relevant past students. Tim will write an email to be shared with teachers to seek this information</p>	<p>Sarah Carter and Tim</p>
<p>School Tour</p>	<p>Kanadee and Erik led the school council on a tour of the school. We visited the industrial kitchen, woodworking class and shop, automotive class and shop, the dance studio and some of us finished off visiting the Dramatic Arts space – the Green Room. There was a wide open hall with great acoustics and art on the wall called The White Hall and both Erik and Kanadee said this would be a place where they could more benches for students to sit.</p>	<p>Kanadee Thomas and Erik Gordon</p>
<p>Next Meeting will be Monday January 23, 2023</p>		