



April 18, 2017

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING #6

- **Welcome/Introductions**  
In attendance: Julia Wichert, Harrison Smith, Rosaline Marascio, Krystyna Ochowiak, Martina Maggiacomo, Brent Gravill, Rob Schuetze, Bob Kyriakides, Mirella Sanwalka, Elissa D'Souza, Vincent Chow
- Review the agenda
- **Adopt Previous Minutes – Martina Maggiacomo**  
- Rosaline and Krystyna approve the minutes
- Correspondence
- **Student Council Report – Co-President**  
- “Hope and Heartache Diner” play in the Greenhouse Theatre – over 40 students involved; shows run Wed. April 26 and Thurs. April 27 @ 7:00 p.m. and Sat. April 29 at 2:00 p.m. - tickets are \$15.00; Thursday is a matinee performance for elementary students in the morning; buyout is \$5.00; tickets being sold at lunch in Cafeteria
  - Prom – May 18 at the Manor; tickets are \$90.00
  - Wellness BBQ – buy-out during periods 2-4
  - Relay for Life – 420 participants this year; fundraised 40% of our goal so far; \$30 000 is the goal; sponsorship and donations – looking for local businesses to donate money or gifts to give as prizes; [huronrelay2017@gmail.com](mailto:huronrelay2017@gmail.com)

### Principal/VP report

#### **Inclusion Activity: Learning Skills and Work Habits - Mirella Sanwalka**

- from Growing Success document: in pairs, open envelope, match description with the Learning Skills and Work Habits
- learning skill levels based on observational and conversational data – what teachers see and what they get from talking to students; students can do self-evaluations; teachers track, but not for marks, more in terms of moving levels
- full disclosure date – marks will show up on transcript after this date; grade 12 students would need to drop courses before that date to avoid low marks appearing on transcripts

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- **Modern Learning and Math – Mirella Sanwalka**
  - Math help at home: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>
    - students register for free on the website; can pick a tutor, view interactive tutorials, click on sample solutions
    - viewed a sample video session with a tutor speaking and demonstrating how to graph a relation using slope and y-intercept
    - viewed an interactive tutorial on the xy-plane
    - can store past sessions in a personal file entitled “My Locker”
    - very comprehensive site for math assistance
  
- **School Plan: Monitoring our Progress – Mirella Sanwalka**
  - Mirella showcased files on the “HHSS SIPSA Monitoring” Google Drive – conversations, observations, products; mental health, math, modern learning; Breakfast Program, Maker Spaces in the Library, yoga, Friday Oatmeal/Burritos, Wellness Wednesdays, designing an innovative classroom space for learning with whiteboard tables, vertical collaboration spaces
  - we are collecting visual and numerical data for our school plan
  
- **PRO Grant – Anxiety Workshops – York Centre – Mirella Sanwalka**
  - free 2-part workshop – May 4 and 11
  - flyer distributed to parents and will be sent out electronically via bulletin to all parents and put in report card envelopes
  - food will be ordered
  
- **Extended Field Trips – Vimy Ridge – Vincent Chow**
  - over 800 YRDSB students
  - HHSS – Vincent Chow and 4 other teachers went with 34 students
  - Vincent showcased pictures via “ProShow Slideshow” (5 min.)
  
- **Parent Survey – Elissa D’Souza**
  - May 1-19
  - online survey in English, with paper copies available in different languages for parents whose first language is not English
  - survey is aligned with the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA), and includes questions about the school learning environment, math, mental health and well-being, equity and inclusivity, and caring and safe schools
  - information will be communicated electronically to parents via the parent e-bulletin
  - students are currently completing the Student Survey in classes this week

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- **Parent Symposium – Report from Attendees – Rosaline Marascio**
  - speakers and workshops were awesome
- Midterm Report Cards – April 28<sup>th</sup>
- **MOBYSS Bus – Mirella Sanwalka**
  - free mobile clinic that comes weekly (on Tuesdays); no health card needed
  - service for students who don't have access to a family doctor can get support via this service
  - make appointment through Guidance and get slips
  - advertised through announcements and posters
  - to access Mental Health Nurse a referral is needed
- **Brainstorming – ‘How do we increase attendance at School Council Meetings?’ – Mirella Sanwalka**
  - at Parent Symposium, Mirella and Elissa attended a workshop on engaging parents so that they attend School Council Meetings
  - people get busy and are unable to attend evening meetings
  - Martina has gone door-to-door to ask parents to get involved
  - throw a BBQ – generates turn-out, but can't do this monthly
- **PRO Grant for Next School Year (School Council Executive) – Martina Maggiocomo**
  - new guidelines on YRDSB and government website
  - submission deadline is May 26
  - maximum is \$1000.00
  - ideas: math tutorial for parents; how parents can support their child with learning math; how parents can manage behaviours with their own children in different and innovative ways (i.e., use humour)
  - discussion on how to reach as many parents as we can
  - get information to parents/advertise during Parent-Teacher Night – have a Council table out
  - when inviting parents, send out an email with more details so that they know what to expect
  - structure parent e-bulletin so that it's not so repetitive, and give the important information at the beginning of the bulletin
  - ideas: how to help students who don't have a post-secondary direction/who are unsure – we have a lot of these resources available/accessible in the school for students
  - a series of workshops – i.e., drugs and mental health, math, modern learning, navigating social media, how to support students with social media
  - Martina will email Janice to make inquiries – do we do it on our own or team up with other schools?

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- ideas: IT – how to filter internet content – this could be done at a School Council Meeting

- **Teacher Report – Julia Wichert**

- Stephanie Coleman/Drama – “The Hope and Heartache Diner” play is the first large-scale production in 5 years; gym has new lights, encouraging everyone to come out; April 26 and 27 at 7:00 p.m., and matinee on Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.

- Visual Arts/Arts Huron news – 4 students qualified to move onto provincial skills competition on May 1; AGO Georgia O’Keefe exhibit field trip on April 25; workshop for Arts Huron and SHSM students to develop proposal/grant-writing skills on April 26; students painting a snow plow to celebrate Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> on May 1; FNMI Arts Inquiry – opening reception at Aurora Cultural Centre from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on May 3; Ontario College of Art and Design graduation show on May 4; framing and matting workshop, commercial photography guest artist and Newmarket Food Pantry Mural Installation in month of May

- Carolyn Cyarto-Rogers/Phys. Ed. – fields are still wet so can’t be used for practices until further notice; field conditions will be monitored over the next few weeks to make sure they’re safe to practice and play on

- Financial report

- Spending PRO Grant funds on upcoming workshops

- Report from other committees

- **New Business - Martina Maggiocomo**

- none

- **Date of Next Meeting – Next September (TBD)**

- in September, brainstorm a list of ideas parents would like to learn about each month, so that parents are interested in coming out
  - have monthly topics and organize speakers for it
  - every meeting is half meeting and half workshop

- **Adjourn – Mirella Sanwalka**

- Rob moves to close
  - Martina seconds