

Nov 20, 2023

School Council Meeting

20 Nov 2023 / 7:00 PM / Library

Attendees

- Parents: Angela Lu, Hirosh Abeywardane, Sandy Zhen, Hafsa Ishak, Ishak Ismail, Nada Kesavan, Peter Wang, Sunita Bhagwat (Chair), Catherine Chen (Treasurer), Arslan Ghani (Secretary)
- Administration: Christopher Hilmer (Principal), Sanjeevan Sivanesan (Vice-Principal)
- Student Representatives: Melanie, Haadiya, Isabella
- Regrets: Seema Shahjahan (Vice-Chair), Nadia Pinelli, Vanessa Wonnacott

Agenda

- Call to order – 7:06 PM
- Land Acknowledgement - Sunita
- Attendance - Arslan
- Approval of the Minutes for Last Meeting & Current Agenda – Arslan moved; Hirosh seconded.

Student Report

- Halloween Spirit Week, bake sale and Semi-Formal events were a success. Semi-Formal was attended by almost 400 students.
- Winter Market will be held before the holidays. Student clubs will join to sell holiday merchandise to raise funds for their respective clubs.
- Talent Show will be held on December 22 during Periods 1 and 2. Students will perform various acts that have been vetted by the Student Council staff advisors.

Business Department Update

- Students Juliano N. and Tarani E. updated the Council about various Business competitions and events.
- Some of the competitions include DECA, OBEA, Lang School of Business, Waterloo FLC.
- They also spoke about the university/college Business fair.

Inclusion Activity

- Mr. Hilmer led the council to engage in a story sharing activity to help parents know each other better.

PRO Grant

- The Council discussed various options to utilize the PRO Grant.
- One of the suggestions was to hold a Career Fair by the parents. Parents from various professions would present in different rooms where other parents and children could visit to get more information about the careers of their interest.
- Another suggestion was to have an in-person session on good use of technology and social media.
- It's recommended that a poll be held amongst parents to gauge interest.

Admin Profile

- The Council worked on updating the admin profile.
- The Council was made aware that Board Director's Plan and Trustee Multi action Plan shape the direction of a school within the board.
- Data from EQAO and survey results from 'Every Student Counts' help identify the areas that require more focus.
- Such data is analyzed by school with the help of staff to make decisions and improve areas such as EQAO scores, OSSLT, graduation rates, emotional well-being, etc.
- New directions from the Ministry are being received for school improvements. Goals will be revised in new year.

Admin Report – Mr. Hilmer, Mr. Sivanesan

- Mid-term report cards are being distributed. There's some delay due to the cyber incident that affected many board wide systems.
- Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students was on November 1.
- OSSLT is under progress from November 9 to November 28.
- Grade 8 Info Night and Open House will be held on November 29.
- January exams will be held from January 25 to January 31.
- Book appointments for grad photos online. Reminders being sent in weekly newsletter.
- Grade 8 IB Intake: The first round of offers should be released in December.

Meeting adjourned: 9:07 PM

Next Meeting: January 22, 2024 (Online at 7:00 pm)