

November 28, 2022 (Rescheduled from Nov 21, 2022)

School Council Meeting

28 November 2022 / 7:00 PM / Library

Attendees

- Parents: Zarqa Chishti, Sandy Zhen, Michelle Zhang, Saeed Atcha, Nada Kesavan, Minnie Chow, Sunita Bhagwat (Chair), Seema Shahjahan (Vice-Chair), Baiju Thomas (Treasurer), Arslan Ghani (Secretary)
- Administration: Christopher Hilmer (Principal), Sanjeevan Sivanesan (Vice-Principal)
- Teacher Representative: Dr. Kamla Reid (Head Science Department)
- Student Representatives: Pedram T
- Regrets: Vera Katyshev (Vice-Principal), Nadia Pinelli (Non-Teaching Rep.)

Agenda

- Call to order – 7:05 PM
- Welcome & Land Acknowledgement - Sunita
- Attendance - Arslan
- Approval of the Agenda for November Meeting – Baiju moved, Saeed seconded
- Approval of the Minutes from October Meeting – Sunita moved, Baiju seconded

Student Report

- Pedram shared information on successful Semi-Formal held on November 17 attended by 320 students and 20 staff members.
- Talent Show and Pyjama Day are upcoming events in December.

Admin Profile

- The School Council reviewed the Administrator Profile that was provided at last month's meeting.
- The profile was approved after a couple of minor changes. Baiju moved, Sunita seconded.

PRO Grant

- Mr. Hilmer spoke about the Parents Reaching Out Grant.
- The grant provides funding to the school to increase parent engagement in their children's learning.
- To be eligible for the grant, a proposal is required which meets a set criterion.
- The council discussed various proposal options.

School Council Goals

- Multiple suggestions were made in this area such as:
- Awareness session for Gr. 9 parents to become familiar with the tools (TeachAssist, Edsby etc.) being used.
- General session for the entire parent community.
- General session of interest to the student community.
- Fundraising efforts.
- Events such as bake sales, silent auctions etc.
- Any other important pending items from prior years.

Teacher Report – Dr. Reid

- Dr. Reid shared information on Geography Awareness Week and an escape room activity.
- Gr. 9 Geography knowledge challenge will take place in December.
- Guest speakers will visit to speak with the students in the week of December 19.
- Library volunteer meet is held on Tuesdays after school and Thursdays at noon.

- On December 20, 'Readathon' will take place in the library. Cost is \$2/student.
- Information on Tamil Heritage and Black Excellence Month was shared.
- Canadian Blood Services visited the school for STEM cell and Bone Marrow registry.
- IBDP HL Biology Group 4 project for Grade 12 on plasmid transformation was a success.

Admin Report

- Mid-semester reports were distributed electronically by the Board.
- OSSLT has concluded. Over 400 students wrote; results will be received at the end of January.
- Grade 8 Open House is on November 30
- Grad photos for Grade 12 will be this week
- Winter Concert is scheduled for December 7.
- University/College Application presentation (online) for parents in December.
- Winter Break will be from December 26 to January 6.
- Exam scheduling and planning is underway.
- Class assessments will be held January 16 to 25
- IB Oral Exams for French and English will be held January 13 to 25
- Final exams will be from January 26 to February 1
- Second semester begins on Monday, February 6
- Presentation for ESL parents will take place in February 2023.

Action Items

- Google form survey will be sent out to the parents to discuss PRO grant ideas.

Meeting adjourned: 9:04 PM

Next Meeting: January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM

