

School Council Meeting

Monday, September 27, 2021

Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Welcome

- ▶ Principal - Christopher Hilmer
- ▶ Vice-Principal - Dawn Imada Chan (A-L)
- ▶ Vice-Principal - Sanjee Sivanesan (M-Z)
- ▶ Past-Chair - Noreen Mian
- ▶ Past Vice-Chair - Minnie Chow
- ▶ Past Secretary- Michelle Zhang
- ▶ Past Treasurer - Flora Wen, Mike Ved
- ▶ Teacher Representative - Kamla Reid
- ▶ Student Representative - Vanessa C. & Richard L.

Meeting Norms

- ▶ Please complete the Google Form for attendance purposes
- ▶ Recording or snapshotting of the meetings is not allowed
- ▶ Notes can be taken
- ▶ Be respectful of our members and their viewpoints
- ▶ Listen attentively with the intent to understand others

Student Report

- ▶ SAC President Vanessa C.
- ▶ SAC Vice-President Richard L.

Role of the School Council

- ▶ The Council provides advice on the following areas:
- ▶ Advisory
 - School improvement planning, school-based services and community partnerships, administrator profile, etc.
- ▶ Outreach Activities
 - Developing a sense of community, communication strategies, workshops/seminars, planning/fundraising, etc.

Action

- ▶ School councils should work collaboratively to make decisions by consensus or voting.
- ▶ Act as an advisory group to the school administration

What School Council is NOT for

School Council is NOT a forum:

- ▶ to complain about a teacher or a singular event
- ▶ to promote a certain program over others
- ▶ to advocate for your child(ren)

Who is part of School Council?

- ▶ Councils are comprised of parents, the principal, a teacher, a support staff member, one community rep, and a student (where appropriate).
- ▶ From the membership, we elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
- ▶ Members are elected annually in September for a one-year term.

Meetings

- ▶ There must be a minimum of 4 meetings per year.

Our meeting dates are:

- ▶ Monday, September 27, 2021
- ▶ Monday, October 18, 2021
- ▶ Monday, November 15, 2021
- ▶ Monday, January 17, 2022
- ▶ Monday, March 21, 2022
- ▶ Monday, May 15, 2022

Roles

Chair:

- ▶ Works collaboratively with principal to set agendas;
- ▶ Chairs meetings;
- ▶ Works collaboratively with members to assign duties

Vice-Chair:

- ▶ Supports and assists the Chair

Secretary:

- ▶ Records attendance and takes minutes;
- ▶ Distributes agenda and minutes

Treasurer:

- ▶ Manages finances;
- ▶ Reports on accounts

Members:

- ▶ Participate and encourage participation;
- ▶ Act as eyes and ears of the community

Handbook and Constitution

- ▶ School Council Handbook
<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Documents/SD-schoolcouncilhandbook.pdf>
- ▶ The MMHS School Council Constitution can be found on the school website under the School Council tab.

School Council Elections 2021-2022

- ▶ Nominations - You can nominate yourself!
- ▶ If you are a school board employee, you must declare it.
- ▶ Chair: Dong Xia Wang
- ▶ Vice-Chair: Baiju Thomas
- ▶ Secretary: Peter Wang
- ▶ Treasurer: Michelle Zhang

Teacher Report by Dr. Kaml Reid, Head of Science

- ▶ 1. Two of our students made it to the Canadian Geographic Trivia Challenge nationals that were held in June. Both students performed well and we're super proud! This is the second year that we have achieved national recognition.
- ▶ 2. On October 16, FIVE Grade 10 students will be presenting at an Ontario Geography conference to showcase their work in Design Thinking that involves possible solutions to the indigenous water crisis in Ontario's north.

Extra-curricular choir will start when we are able to do in person clubs so any students interested in choir should listen for announcements.

- We are very happy to return to singing and playing wind instruments again at school and are carefully following all of the protocols from the board and public health to ensure it is a safe return. The music council is up and running online and planning online events. Successful applicants for Grade 9 music council representative will be announced this week. We will also be taking orders for Music Department T-Shirts in October. We are anticipating that concerts will be online again this year. Information about how to attend our concerts will be shared when we are closer to the date.

- Winter Concert - Wednesday Dec. 8, 2021
- Spring Concert - Wednesday May 25, 2022
- Music Awards Night - Wednesday June 1, 2022

Guidance Department

- ▶ Mi-Jin Kim (A - I)
- ▶ Irene Petrou (J - R)
- ▶ Dina Saweriss (S - Z)

Reports from Administration

- Principal's Report
- Vice-Principals' Reports

- ▶ IB Info Evening - Thursday, October 14
- ▶ Grade 12 IB students working on Extended Essays
- ▶ Terry Fox Run - September 25
- ▶ School Council Forum for East Area -- Nov. 10
- ▶ Safety Week
- ▶ Interim Reports
- ▶ OSSLT
- ▶ ABCs of Mental Health & Mental Health Supports
- ▶ Parent/Teacher Interviews - Virtual, Thursday, October 28

COVID Daily Assessment



FEVER
(temperature of
37.8°C or greater)



**NEW OR
WORSENING COUGH**



**SHORTNESS
OF BREATH**



**SORE THROAT OR
DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING**



**ALTERED
SMELL OR TASTE**

•Yes o No



**NAUSEA/VOMITING, DIARRHEA,
ABDOMINAL PAIN**

•Yes o No



**RUNNY NOSE, OR
NASAL CONGESTION**
(unrelated to seasonal
allergies, post nasal drip)

•Yes o No