Newmarket High School Minutes

September 24, 2015

In Attendance:			
Past Co-Chair:	Jeanine Cardinali	New Chair:	Goetz Milche
Principal:	Shawn Bredin		
Vice-Principal:	Karen Parris	Vice-Principal:	Susan Richard
Renee Toninger	Juliane Goyette	Leila Shahbazi jafari	
Karen Dunn	Bahareh Heydarzadeh	Shona MacDonald	
Marina Gravelle	Terry Richard	Poupak Pournazari	
Christine Patrick	Anne Hughes	Lisa Harrison	
Daniela Stott	Janet Skolud	Lica McIntyre	
Sophie Chen	Mary Ma		
Minutes taken by: Juliane Goyette			

Meeting was called order at 6:45pm by past co-chair Jeanine Cardinali

Student Report: Mitchell Vendrov & Maddy McMaster from Student Council (External Affairs)

- Events already enjoyed by students = spirit day, jersey day to get new kids involved, there was an Instagram competition with Tim's card to the winner
- Held the orientation day and BBQ for the grade 9's
- They have been using a Twitter account @goodmorningnhs to do the announcements each day, this saves on paper and gets announcements out to the students
- They will be having 'Fall Frenzy' which is a fall themed spirit day
- Oct 9th school spirit wear will be available for purchase (crew necks & t-shirts)
- Football event will happen on Oct. 21st or 22nd
- 'Jays Day' will be held to mark the beginning of the Jays playoffs
- Concerned about the lack of registration for the School Cash Online. They hope to promote it to the students to get everyone to register. Have an action to advertise it. Principal Bredin shared that currently about 50%-60% of students are registered and using School Cash Online

Minutes were discussed. Lisa Harrison noted that the minutes from the April 27th meeting state it started at 7:45pm and should state 6:45. The minutes from the meeting prior to the 27th meeting cannot be adopted until the police officer who had given a report approves that section of the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes for April 27th meeting by Lisa Harrison. This was seconded by Lica McIntyre.

Elections: Shawn Bredin

- Advised that there are to be 5 School Council Meetings per school year
- If you are a voting member you need to attempt to be at most of the meetings otherwise anyone is welcome to come to any of the meetings
- Shawn asked that all nominations be handed in and explained that YRDSB staff cannot hold the position of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary but can be a voting member
- To be on the board is for the betterment of the school as a whole

- The board does not fundraise but does apply for & receives grants from the York Region District School Board and the Provincial Government

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- Goetz Milche put forward a self-nomination for Chair all were in favour
- Marina Gravelle put forward a self-nomination for secretary all were in favour
- Jeanine advised that current Treasurer Arlene Breau was willing to continue on as Treasurer if no nominations were submitted – it was voted all in favour for Arlene Breau to continue on as Treasurer

Next Meeting Dates – Goetz Milche

- Goetz proposed that the next meeting be held on November 16th at 6:45 in the library all were in favour
- Also scheduled a meeting for Tuesday January 12th at 6:45pm in the library the remaining 2 meeting dates will be decided upon at the Jan 12th meeting

Administration Reports: Shawn Bredin, Karen Parris & Susan Richard

- This year the school changed the registration process. Timetables were sent to students through Google Apps (GAPPS) and School Cash Online was introduced for payment which allowed for a virtual registration
- The school has 1,370 students this year, up from last year when there was 1,300
- 4 new classes were created for Grade 9's, 5 new teachers were hired and they are currently hiring for 2 more positions – there is one position that has been a rotation of supply teachers hopefully the position will be filled shortly
- Every Grade 9 class is full. Course changes will take effect in February and at that time it will be difficult to change schedules around because of the amount of students – it's predicted more teachers may be needed at this time
- The Director's speech focused on three topics: 1. Mental Health, 2. Math and 3. Modern Learning
- Karen Parris reported that there is a lot of congestion in the parking lot in the morning and the bus lanes need to be kept clear for the safety of everyone
- School Cash Online was discussed. This allows the school to streamline funds coming in, avoids teachers collecting money and students losing cheques or cash. Hope to have first field trip paid for through this as well as sports and activities
- GAPPS is being used as well as Moodle for students and teachers. GAPPS provides every teacher and student an email
- The Grade 10 Literacy results just came in and will be going home with students soon
- Susan Richard stated that final reports are given out the end of January and June. Mid-terms will go out in November and April with an interim report going out October 16th in each student's first class of the day
- Thursday October 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 will be Parent Teacher Interviews
- Monday September28th is a PA Day and no school for students. Teachers will have compliance training on health and safety

- This kicks off safety week. The students have already had a lock down drill and will have the required fire drills and lock down drills throughout the year. In the first week students attended the Safe Schools Assembly
- Sports and clubs are now starting. Parents should encourage their teens to get involved. A list
 of staff advisors for the clubs and sport teams is being compiled and will go on the school
 website. Following the schools Twitter feed @goodmorningnhs can also provide information on
 when clubs / teams are meeting or having tryouts
- Next weekend the girls basketball team is playing at Dr. JM Denison Secondary School and would love people to go out and cheer them on
- Awards Assembly for academic achievement in the 2014-2015 school year will be held in the theatre on Friday Oct 23 from 8:30 to 10pm. Invitations will go out very soon for those being acknowledged
- November 4th is Take Our Kids to Work day for grade 9's. Students will go to work with a parent or family friend for the day
- Shawn Bredin stated that there are various trips that are advertised as school trips such as 'grad trip', 'March break trip' etc that are not done through the school nor are they supervised by teachers. When field trips are planned by the school, they will be clearly communicated as such
- Public Health Dept has trained some senior students to visit the Grade 9 classrooms to speak about resiliency, making wise choices, peer pressure and promoting healthy activities. The students are moving forward with the Healthy Schools Council
- A school nurse from CCAC and a Compass Social Worker are available at various times for short term care if needed but are not on the staff of the school. A program called Living Life to the Full gives students an opportunity to have some extra support if needed.

Teacher Report – Mary Perin will be doing the teacher reports however she was unavailable for this meeting.

- Mr. Bredin did share that students do have access to sessions on how to apply for university or college as well as applying for scholarships. The guidance department sends out information almost weekly through career cruising.
- There will be a college fair shared with Huron, Denison and Mulock high schools coming up

Treasurer Report – Arlene Breau was absent

- Shawn Bredin reported that any leftover funds from the previous school year must be returned to the ministry
- The school council applies for grants from the YRDSB and the Province. They are very specific on how these funds are to be spent

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm