

Newmarket High School

School Council

Minutes from Meeting

For January 27th , 2017

In Attendance...

Incoming Principal - Erik Gordon *Principal* – Allan Hoyle *Vice-Principal* – Pina Viscomi
Co-Chair – Sheela Zelmer *Secretary* (minutes taken by)– Juliane Goyette *Treasurer* – Poupak
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Meeting was called to order by Sheela Zelmer.

Report from Student Council

Due to exams, the Student representatives Mitchell Vendrov and Krymson Hay were unable to attend.

The following was provided from Student Council via email:

Past Activities:

- Les Miserables Play
 - Presented by Musical Theatre
- Frost Week (Dec.19 - Dec. 23): End of December Event
 - Monday: Movie In Cafeteria
 - Tuesday: Tacky Sweater Day
 - Wednesday: Karaoke Carols
 - Thursday: Alpine Day (Ski Apparel)
 - Friday: Holiday Common Lunch
 - Activities Included: Rap Battle, Finish the Lyrics, and Family Feud
- Healthy School's Sleep Campaign (Jan. 17- Jan. 20): Campaign to improve awareness of the importance of sleep and improve sleeping habits of students.
 - Tuesday: Information Booth (Postponed By Snow-Day)
 - Wednesday: Crafts and Information Booth
 - Thursday: Twitter Contest
 - Friday: PJ Day
- Study and Chill Week (Jan. 23- Jan.25): A week to give students an opportunity to destress and focus on studying.
 - Monday, Tuesday: Sweats on Sweats
 - Wednesday: Bring Your Own Blanket

Upcoming Activities:

- Throwback Thursday
 - Hoping to get different "Throwback" songs on morning announcements on Thursdays
- Healthy School's Council Fantastic February
 - Big event dedicated to improving student mental health and mental health awareness; was discussed at previous meetings
- Spirit Wear
 - Will be on school-cash in the near future!
 - Sample photos were shown in December meeting
- Semi-Planning for Semester 2

- In search of new location and date
- Prom Committee
 - Coming soon to begin planning prom
- SEMESTER 2!

Approval of Minutes from Last meeting - Eveyln made a motion to approve and Poupak seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Administration Reports

Erik Gordon, incoming Principal

As everyone is aware, Shawn Bredin, our former principal is now working at the Board level. We welcomed our new Principal Mr. Erik Gordon this evening. Erik comes to Newmarket High School from his current vice-principal role at Sutton District High School. He has been at Sutton District High for the past 2 ½ years. Prior to that, he was a Vice-Principal in the Toronto District School Board. One of his main focuses for high school children is mental health awareness. Mr. Gordon has two children in elementary school and lives just outside of the Newmarket area. He is looking forward to his new role at Newmarket High School beginning Feb 6th.

Allan Hoyle, Principal

During the transition period from Mr. Bredin to Mr. Gordon taking over the principal role in February, the school was fortunate to have Mr. Allan Hoyle become the Principal. Allan retired from the Board the end of November and has come out of retirement to support Newmarket High for the month of January. He provided the council with an update on the school during this transition time. There are 8 positions needing to be filled in the school for the upcoming semester. They are close to filling a few of the positions.

Newmarket High will be starting an intensive alternative educational program beginning next semester for the junior grades. These will be allotted to periods 2 & 5 and will provide great support for students of the school.

Newmarket High will not be hosting any summer school programs in 2017 because the parking lot is being ripped out and re-done.

Allan also advised us that the semi-formal scheduled for Feb 16th has been put on hold. Original plans were to hold the semi-formal at The Mansion in Aurora. The company planning the event has gone out of business and the building has since been sold. The new owners will be tearing The Mansion down which has left the school without a location for the event. The student council is actively seeking a new location to host it but have been unsuccessful at this point. They require a space that will hold approx. 400 students which is a challenge.

Pina Viscomi, Vice-Principal

Pina reported that last week the school had a sleep campaign for the school community. They stressed the importance of sleep, had a dress down day along with Twitter polls, posters, announcements etc.

Last week, the Grade 9 students were given the opportunity to visit the Student Success room to learn study skills in period 3. Yesterday, Jan 25th, there was a chance for all students to get help with their study skills in the library.

Exams will take place from now until Feb 1st. Feb 2nd is exam review day and the next semester starts on Feb 6th. All student timetables are now on their GAPPS for them to look up for the upcoming semester.

IPP planning will take place Feb 8-10th where students in all grades can look at their strengths and interests and consider post-secondary pathways.

Feb 10th report cards will go home.

Feb 8th the school will hold Safe Schools assemblies for all grades.

Feb. 14th Glenn Marais will be performing with his band at the school. February is Black History month and Glenn will be there to celebrate diversity with the students and staff.

Course selection for the 2017-2018 school year will commence the week of February 6th with a deadline of February 24th.

March 29th is the next scheduled Coffee House in the school.

More to come on the award evening that we are planning for recognizing students in the school. We will most likely be hosting the event in the Newmarket Theatre in May.

Steve King and Pina visited the elementary feeder schools for IPRCs for the upcoming school year.

EQAO for math took place this week for Grade 9 students taking math this semester.

Feb 3-5 Grade 9 music students will be attending a music retreat at the Ontario Pioneer Camp.

New business

Shaleema Shakeel advised the council that she is working with Gwyneth on a speaker series for parents to attend. They have 8 schools participating including Newmarket High. Funds from each of the schools pro-grants have been pooled in order to host the series. There will be one per month for the next few months. Watch for their flyer for details.

Last week they had Alyson Schafer speak at Crossland Gate which was a great success. The next speaker, Jordan Axani, will be at Newmarket High School on February 27th and it is for parents of high school students and those with children in grades 7 & 8. Please mark this date in your calendar for an informative evening.

Treasurers Report

There is nothing to report.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:35pm.

Date for Upcoming Meeting Wednesday April 5th at 6:45pm

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Agenda

For Wed April 5th, 2017

- 6:45 Welcome and calling of meeting to order
- 6:50 Report from Student Council
 - Questions, Answers, Comments
- 7:00 Minutes from January 26th , 2017
- 7:05 Administration Reports, will include Staff updates, Guidance updates, Current Happenings at NHS, Safety
- 7:35 Teachers Report
- 7:45 Questions, Answers & Comments
- 7:50 Any new business arising from reports
- 8:00 Treasurer Report
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