

Newmarket High School

School Council

Minutes – Monday Feb 5, 2018 @ 6:45 NHS Library



1. Welcome & call to order
 - Semester 2 started today Feb. 5
2. Approval of School Council Minutes from Dec 11, 2017
 - Motion to approve Minutes- Poupak
 - Seconded by – Juliane
3. Student Council Report – Mark Gragtmans
 - not too much in Feb
 - campaign week for VP of Student council
 - Current VP will move to President
 - voting on Monday Feb. 12
 - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) wants to run some informational activities
 - Healthy Schools wants to run some events during Valentine week
 - Semi formal for Feb. 15 – theme - Night in Paris
 - Likely will be sold out
4. Staff Reports – Mary Perin
 - a. Guidance – Course Selection Process
 - Mary circulated the IPP (Individual Pathways Planner) and explained the course selection process
 - Mary explained the online course information
 - Mary demonstrated the entire course selection form with the courses being offered that each student should have received at school
 - Most courses will have enough student enrolment but not all
 - By May-June the courses that will be filled will be known
 - Feb 23 is the lock in date for courses for September 2018 which opens on Feb 12
 - Lisa enquired about the 12 optional courses and Mary explained how an optional course could qualify as a required course
 - The core number of classes is 6 courses per semester with a spare
 - b. Relay for Life
 - Leslie Ann has been doing Relay For Life – Cancer fundraising
 - Set for May 17 (Prom is May 10)
 - Parents are needed to prepare food for 400 students
 - This has historically raised \$85,000.00 and is a highly successful even

5. Administration Reports

a. Substance Use Committee update

- meeting with Ms. Stewart (head of Math), Mr. Horst, Mr. Edge and Mr. Shepp

b. Staff PA Day learning

- Last Friday's PA day had a focus on Math and understanding learning disabilities on Math
- Peter raised the connection between technology and learning which began an informative discussion by all and led by Erik and Mary as to how learning has been adapted to the availability of information on digital platforms

c. NHS Newscast

- Linda had seen the NHS Newscast and her daughter participates in it and she enjoys it
- Her daughter will allow Linda in and she watches through her daughters account
- NHS Newscast is information for students in a 2-3 minute video clip about upcoming activities
- Pina will look into a means for parents to access it
- @Good Morning NHS - is a Twitter account for NHS students

d. SHSM update

- Specialist High Skills Major – NHS is applying for a 'Health and Wellness' SHSM
- A large number of students are expected – sign up in Grade 10 for participation in Grades 11 and 12
- The program allows a student to acquire certifications before leaving HS
- Peter suggested recreational basketball and Soccer associations
- The school population is projected to grow to 1400 next year with French Emersion students
- Erik recommended that current French Emersion students take the additional French Course in Science

e. Speaker Series & safeTALK

- Screenagers talk is scheduled for next week at Huron Heights at 7 pm
- SafeTALK – suicide alertness training program
- Gwen has taken the ASSIST intense suicide program
- There is a March 8 training for interested parents from 6 to 9 pm

6. School Council Reports

a. PEAC Communication Hub & Edsby

- There will be a one hour training about Hub which Lisa will attend
- There are 4 geographic areas with school trustees
- Hub is a group of school council members that share information about various common Activities
- Edsby will be the new platform for absences and attendances
- Teachers can communicate through Edsby and will be migrating marks to it
- Edsby will eventually replace Teach Assist

7. New Business

- Elisa proposed carrying over the idea of using Pro Grant money for an ASSIST intense suicide program for parents
- Elisa brought up the Excellence Awards and asked how it will be managed
- 6 parent council members agreed to volunteer

- Tracey proposed students volunteering peers
- Erik advised that the current approach is to have staff nominate students
- Gwenyth raised the Student Climate Survey results for discussion for the next meeting
- Peter withdrew his comments about the parking lot in the mornings and conceded that the current usage is generally efficient
- The Crosswalk on Mulock between Leslie and College Manor will be installed

8. Adjourn

Next Meeting – Wednesday March 19, 2018