

## **Newmarket High School**

### **School Council**

#### **Minutes for Meeting on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:45 (postponed from Monday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 2020)**

1. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Erik Gordon call the meeting to order, seconded by Jenn
2. Introductions and Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2019
  - Minutes approved by Tracey and seconded by Tanya
3. Student Council Report
  - Halloween Week Events included common lunch and fun activities
  - November/December Holiday Help to help local families
  - December had Frost Week
  - Positive Language in School – created ‘positive sayings’ banner as a reminder to use positive language
  - United school spirit
  - This week dealing with stress relief prior to exams – have therapy dogs, arts and crafts, bring your own blanket
  - Semi-Formal in February – cost \$65/student, \$60 if you paid for the activity fee
  - Creating a community atmosphere is a focus for the school. Goal is to create environment safe and inclusive for everyone
4. Staff Report by Mary Perin
  - Staff busy preparing for upcoming exams
  - Guidance presented to students on course selection for next year
  - Course selection is due February 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Students are encouraged to consult with parents, teachers and guidance councilors
  - My Pathway Planner is found on the website
  - Tips are available on the Guidance website
  - Parents must sign off by February 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Dual credits are available which provide a college and a high school credit
5. Administration Report by Erik Gordon
  - Exams coming up. Exam schedules shared with parents and students. Start time at 8:30
  - School and library are open during exam days
  - Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> is a condensed day
  - All books are to be returned to the teachers
  - Labour Update – discussions are at Provincial level not Board level. Working to ensure minimal impact to students

6. School Council Reports by Tracey

- Excellence Awards – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Location to be confirmed (School or Newmarket Theatre)
  - Committee includes: Tracey, Shannon, Tanya, Jenn, Leslie, Alison, Solmaz and Erik
  - First meeting for committee is on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00
- Pro Grant
  - Each school council receives \$500 to spend on parent engagement. In the past, 7 schools have teamed up and pooled their funds to have a line-up of great speakers
  - Motion presented to Board: Should NHS proceed on its own or pool money with 8 schools in total - Vote unanimous to pool funds with other schools
  - Possible topics being considered at this time include screening of movie Screenagers Part II which would include a panel of speakers to discuss social media and technology impact on children, vaping, sex trafficking, IEP/IPRC, Youths Speak, Resiliency guest speaker, Alison Schaffer
  - Dates and topics to be finalized and circulated soon

7. New Business

- None to declare

8. Adjourn

- Called by Erik, seconded by Tracey

Next school council meeting is on February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45