

Newmarket High School

School Council

Minutes for Meeting on Tuesday March 16th, 2021 at 6:45 held virtually via Google Meet

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions
 - Angela Cowan called the meeting to order
 - Introductions
 - Mr. John Glezakos - Acting Principal
 - Angela Cowan - VP
 - Carolyn Cyarto-Rogers – VP
 - Eva Greenwood – Office Staff
 - Susan Carson – Math Teacher
 - Mary Perin - Guidance

2. Approval of January 5th, 2021 School Council Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes made by Shamella Hoosen-Shakeel and seconded by Matthew Bartha

3. Introduction to YRDSB Indigenous Student Trustee
 - ChelbyLynn Milton is the YRDSB Indigenous Student Trustee for 2021-2022
 - Grade 11 student in the French Immersion program at NHS
 - Part of Indigenous community. Gets to participate and attend monthly meetings addressing concerns and community issues and communicate these to Board Members
 - Spread awareness of Indigenous struggles and represent the student body

4. Guidance Report by Mary Perin
 - Getting through timetable changes. Students have shown incredible resiliency during these challenging times. Mental and emotional health of students is top of mind
 - By end of week, students will receive course verification for next year. For any changes, students must complete a Google Form by March 22nd
 - Grade 12 transmission of grades to universities and colleges will be on April 22nd
 - Guidance office is open and available for students to get assistance at any time
 - Community Hours requirement have changed. Grads only need 20 hours instead of 40 and the qualifying hours are different. Can find more info on NHS Website under guidance. Many virtual opportunities now qualify such as Letters of Smiles, helping out at home, helping a sibling with homework or completing chores qualify. This applies for students in grade 9-12
 - Full Disclosure – Grade 11 and Grade 12, for any university admission, marks for these grades are submitted. Can drop a course by full disclosure date and not have the mark appear on the transcript. This year, the date is pushed to June 3rd.
 - Summer school – Info is not available at this time. Typically becomes available first or second week of April. Last year was fully virtual, but we don't know this year. Info will be shared in e-Bulletin

5. Student Council Report by Makenna Kollo
 - Black History month posts made on Instagram
 - Announcements made at school profiling Black individuals and their achievements
 - Spirit Days – Include NHS Spirit Wear, St. Patrick day (wear green), Mix and Match Day and Crazy Hat Day at the end of the month
 - Virtual clubs running include Debate, French, Anime, Poetry
 - Student Council are working hard and are creative in making students engaged and excited about school

6. Grad Photos and “Grad Book”
 - Grad photos will take place March 29th – April 7th and must be booked online or on NHS website
 - Pictures will be taken in the cafeteria by Lifetouch. Gowns will be sanitized but no caps will be used. Only standing position, no sitting
 - Grad Book – Project headed by Ms. Miller and completed by senior students, 16 pages dedicated to NHS grads and 16 pages for year in review. Grads must take selfies and submit them by April 9th. No extensions on deadline

7. Student Success Process
 - There are 1500 students at NHS with 98 failures last semester, which is impressive, but goal is to ensure everyone is successful.
 - When there are any problems, steps are taking to address. Discuss goals for students with guidance, administrators, parents and teachers to put strategies in place. Partnership with the family is very important. Parents should communicate with teachers, guidance or administrators if there are any questions or concerns.

8. Interims and Interview Night
 - Interim reports for first 6 weeks of semester should have been received by now
 - It is a level, not a percentage grade. Percentage grades issued for midterms
 - March 25th is Interview Night. Appointments are available on Edsby. Contact teacher if no time slot is available

9. Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Launch and Survey
 - Carolyn Cyarto-Rogers discussed the launch last week of Dismantling Anti-Black Racism. This addresses all forms of racism with focus on Anti-Black racism. This will include ongoing training for staff and allow for a deeper understanding to end racism
 - Survey is to gather additional information and will take 10-15 minutes. Link will be coming out in eBulletin this Friday

10. School Council Reports
 - Shameela reported that there will be 5 events this year with the “Speakers Series for Parents/Guardians” with 9 schools in Newmarket. Events include Practical Strategies for Parenting during a Pandemic by Roxanne Francis, Mental Health of Tweens and Teens by

Shirley Woods, Moving from Inclusive to Anti-Racist by Jerisha Grant-Hall, Janice Luttrell & Matthew Palomino and screening of Screenagers Next Chapter and a Panel Discussion. All events are held virtual and details will be circulated in a flyer on Wednesday March 17th. Can click on the link in the flyer to register for one or more event

11. New Business

- Hiring new teachers and new department heads in process. Two new hires in the math department and two new French teachers. Head of Business has retired and Computer Studies as well, looking to hire for those positions

12. Adjourn

- Called by Angela Cowan at 7:36 and seconded by Tracey Cole