

**Newmarket High School**

**School Council**

**Minutes – Tuesday May 21, 2019 @ 6:45 NHS Library**

1. Welcome & call to order
  - Mover - Tanya
  - Seconder – Poupak
  
2. Approval of School Council Minutes from March 18, 2019
  - Mover - Tanya
  - Seconder – Poupak
  
3. Student Council Reports
  - No student available
  - Relay for Life May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Carnival May 28<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 students will come for the day, activities throughout the day for the whole school. Will not be having inflatables this year. Erik would like to propose to change it for next year and do it in the fall (Sept/Oct) instead of spring when students can focus and can have better community involvement. This year it will be a common lunch where instructional periods are shortened. Looking for suggestions for next year. One suggestion is to have grade 9s assist along with the captains from grades 11 and 12
  - Athletic Banquet/Prom Night/Music night all happening in next few weeks. Need to buy tickets in advance
  
4. Staff Report
  - Guidance developing time tables. If there are issues, students will be contacted over next month if they don't have a complete/full timetable
  - There are a number of retirements this year which may result in changes in staffing
  
5. Administration Reports
  - a. Regional Parent Symposium Feedback – Tracey attended. Very good turnout, 900 people. Good to have representation from all of the schools in York Region and there was lots of resources that went into it but wondering what is direct impact. How much feedback are parents providing back to their schools. Event had a keynote indigenous speaker and two breakout sessions. Erik encourages other parents to attend in future years

- b. EQAO Grade 9 Math – June 13 and June 14. Normal school schedule for everyone.
- c. Exams – June 19- 25. Graduations June 26<sup>th</sup>. Grade 12 write a set of exams on June 18<sup>th</sup> as an exception for this year. It is important to understand the exam dates are set for exams and cannot be moved. It is highly recommended to come on exam review day to get feedback from teachers on exam results. Review day is June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Student Activity Fees – this is an ongoing discussion. Fee is designed to be optional. Many activities are run with the fee in mind. Trying to find creative ways to have incentive to pay for fee which is currently \$35. Any suggestions are welcome. Suggestions made include discounts on Spirit Wear. Great discussions pursued on what does the fee cover and what are students entitled for with or without the fee.
- e. Summer school registration is open for students interested in registering

#### 6. School Council Reports

- a. NHS Excellence Awards Feedback – It was a fantastic night. Great to see students getting recognized for volunteering and helping out peers. Recognizing students for non-academic achievements. Suggestion to add the grade the student is in. Suggestion to perhaps get the teacher who made the nomination to do the intro. A big thank you to Tanya, Tracey, Jenn for all of their efforts
- b. Relay for Life Update- Received a message from Elisa – we have 18 parent volunteers, 450 students participating. Dinner will be served, with a second serving for students observing Ramadan. We have raised 60% of our target so far (\$40,000) with more funds to come.
- c. Triple P Parenting Session Follow up and Next Steps – Elisa Booked a second session for Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> titled Formula for Success at School – Raising Competent Teens. First session was well received and well attended last month.
- d. Pro Grant - Pro Grant for school year 2018 -2019 Evaluation and submission will be completed by Elisa
- e. Say No To Hate – event was well attended. A York Region Board event that was hosted by NHS. Tracey attended the event and she found it informative and alarming.

#### 7. New Business

#### 8. Adjourn

- Mover - Abby
- Seconder – Tanya