

## Newmarket High School

### School Council

#### Minutes for Meeting on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:45 held virtually via Google Meet

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions
  - Carolyn Cyarto-Rogers called the meeting to order
  - Introductions
    - Mr. John Glezakos - Acting Principal
    - Angela Cowan - VP
    - Carolyn Cyarto-Rogers – VP
    - Eva Greenwood – Office Staff
    - Mary Perin - Guidance
2. Approval of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 School Council Minutes
  - Corrections to be made to the minutes to correct spelling of Shameela's name. Motion to approve minutes made by Faye Shen and seconded by Jenn Mahabir
3. Newmarket Community Parent Network Speaker Series – 4 Sessions Update & Feedback – Shameela
  - Although the events had a low turn-out (possibly due to parents feeling Zoomed out), those who attended found the sessions very helpful and had positive feedback. Many reached out to Shameela to express how much they enjoyed them and requested speaker notes.
  - The next event will be May 18<sup>th</sup> showing documentary titled Screenagers. Parents and students can attend ages 12 and up. There will be a panel discussion afterwards
  - The events take lots of time and effort to organize and School Council is grateful for Shameela's hard work to get these events organized for the 9 schools involved
4. Student Council Reports
  - Mckenna Kollo and Camilo Morales reported that they are trying to post info on mental health month (which is May) on Instagram. Ms. Perin indicated that they have lots of resources on mental health in the guidance department
  - Harder to organize activities with online learning but they are looking for the future and getting council set up for next year
  - Graduation planning – looking into what may be possible for a virtual event
5. Guidance Reports- Mary Perin
  - Summer School Report – registration is open for summer school until June 25<sup>th</sup> for YRDSB
    - Two online format to choose from: asynchronous or daily synchronous
    - More info on website:  
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/newmarket.hs/guidance/pages/summer-school.aspx>
    - So far 190 students have registered for summer school
  - Acceptances – Last transmission of marks for universities and colleges went out about 2 weeks ago. June 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for students to accept their offers and provide a deposit

- Full Disclosure – Grades for courses in grade 11 or 12 stay on a student’s transcript. Date to drop a course by is June 3<sup>rd</sup> if student is not doing well and does not want mark to show on transcript. Consult with guidance on it
6. Next Year Update
    - All students will be attending NHS (virtual and in person)
    - Info will be coming out in the next few days and Ministry made announcement today that additional info will be provided regarding next year format shortly
  7. Graduation/Commencement Update
    - Info will be coming out shortly with more details
  8. Graduation Books – Amanda Miller
    - Graduates will have their selfies and professional portraits in the book
    - Pictures of last couple of years of grads plus 16 pages of year end review to reflect back on the year
    - Many schools are not doing similar books and we are fortunate to have this initiative organized by Amanda.
    - Books will be distributed to students when they pick up their diploma
    - Books are free to students as the school is paying for them as a goodbye gift
    - Angie noted that Amanda has put tons of work and effort to make this work despite many challenges and being online with no teams and no activities all year long
  9. Graduation Photos – Angie
    - Grad photos were completed and required long hours on some days to get them done
    - Proofs were mailed to parents and are available online
    - Ms. Greenwood is working on composite
  10. Student Success – Angie
    - 52 days of school left
    - School teaches and administration want to help all students to be successful in their classes
    - Student success develop unique success plans. Families are key partners. If there are any concerns speak to the teacher as a first step and if needed reach out to guidance or VP
  11. Midterm Marks Analysis - John
    - 88% of the marks are above provincial standards for in person school
    - 79% of the marks are above provincial standards for virtual school
    - Students are achieving good marks. They are missing out on clubs and sports but hopefully they can return to that sooner rather than later
  12. Survey YRDSB Student and Family Survey – Completed by May 26 – June 16 – Carolyn
    - Would like to find out about students and parents experience with remote learning, technology, safety, mental health and well being among other topics.
    - Info re survey will be emailed shortly and will be part of Bulletin. Survey is online and available in different languages
    - Encourage everyone to fill out survey
  13. Exams (none)
    - Last day of School is June 25
    - June 18<sup>th</sup> – conferencing and Credit review/rescue
    - June 28<sup>th</sup> – last day of school PA Day

14. Textbook returns – will be announced when plan is put in place

15. Adjourn

- The Excellence Awards have been removed from the calendar
- John Glezakos – expressed his thanks for the support of NHS and provided feedback that NHS is a good school. You need a solid triangle with parents, teachers and students working together for the student success and NHS has that
- Everyone grateful for all of the support from John, teachers, administration, school council and parents for making it through a difficult and challenging year and supporting the students through it all
- Motion to adjourn called by Faye Shen and seconded by Shameela Hoosen Shakeel