

## School Council Minutes- Monday November 18, 2019

Prior to the school council meeting, Julie London presented a "Triple P Parenting" seminar about raising competent teens. Excellent information is available at: [www.triplepparenting.ca](http://www.triplepparenting.ca)

-Erik Gordon called the school council meeting to order, seconded by Tracey

-Student council representatives spoke about school events:

- Holiday Help- classes will be invited to provide items on wish lists for local families in need for the holidays. More information will be communicated to students soon
- Spirit Days- Twin Day on Friday November 22; Lumberjack Day on Fri. Nov. 29 (Beaver Tails on Sale)
- Positive Language Initiative is going on now- students are invited to make a handprint and write something positive inside. This will be displayed on a banner in the atrium as a reminder to use positive language
- Frost Week Activities in December
- Semi-Formal- February 20 or 22 but not confirmed yet. More info. will be out soon
- Culture week- next semester

-Staff Reports by Mary Perin:

- Students are encouraged to work on their Individual Pathway Planner this week. Teachers and guidance counselors are available for assistance. Parents are encouraged to work with their children with their Pathway Planner to refine and reflect. This will help students be prepared for course selection in February.

-Administrative Reports by Erik Gordon:

- Erik Gordon and 3 members from our school council attended the York Region School Council Forum last week. There were 2 major focuses of the forum- vaping and healthy use of technology. The York Region District School Board has created an information video for parents with up to date research about vaping and tips on talking to your teens. The link to the Youtube video will be sent to parents soon. A separate video about vaping that is geared toward teens will be released after to our students.
- Vaping continues to be a serious concern in the school as it poses significant health risks and is difficult to catch.
- Grade 8 Open House is held on Dec 4, 2019.
- The NHS Musical will be showcased on Dec. 5-14
- Report Cards were sent home on Mon. Nov. 18.
- The exam schedule will be announced soon.
- November is often a stressful time for students as report cards are out and major summative assessments are beginning before exam time. Students may need support in managing stress.
- The School Council Excellence Awards will be Tues. March 24.
- The 'Principal Profile' is a document that the YRDSB asks each School Council to create and/or revise each year. After looking at the document that was created last year, some parents suggested that we edit it to include concepts about: equity, inclusivity, well-being for staff and

students. If you would like to contribute to revising the 'Principal Profile' please contact [newmarket.hs2@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:newmarket.hs2@sc.yrdsb.ca) by November 24 to give your input.

-Erik called to adjourn the meeting. Shannon seconded it.

Our next school council meeting is Jan 13, 2020.