

Newmarket High School

School Council Meeting

September 16, 2019 - 6:45 p.m.

Welcome everyone,

Hope your children have enjoyed their start to school. This is your council. We work together as partners. Updated Principal profile available. What would you like to see from the Administrative team? Introduction of administrative staff; Angela, Eva, Mary, and Lynn.

Call to order. Minutes from last meeting not available.

We are required to have elections for three positions – could have a chair (co-chair); treasurer; secretary. No fund-raising normally at the secondary level. Treasurer - manage \$500; Chair - help create/direct agenda; Secretary – meeting minutes. View information on school council tab on our website. No nomination forms have been received prior to the meeting.

Chair – Solmaz Khorramrooz and Tanya Gripich – co-chairs,

Treasurer – Tracey Cole

Abby Kassar– Secretary

Thank you to our former Co-chair. Everyone has a voice at the meetings. Encourage your friends to attend.

Structure of the Agenda

Student Council Report – member of Student Council attend meetings to share upcoming events.

Staff Reports – presented by Mary Perin. We have a number of new staff this year. We had a number of retirements in June. Dynamics are different.

Administration Reports

- Photo Day last week – retake day October 12.
- October 15 – interim reports.
- October 24 – interview night.
- Outside sign and parent e-Bulletin every two weeks (this Friday).
- Please call in student absences.
- Provide current email address if you aren't receiving the eBulletin.
- OSSLT – March 31, 2020 – Literacy Test – Graduation requirement; must write the test once; OLC course is available. It is a provincial test.
- After School Literacy – Thursday's afterschool (starts October 3rd) – it is literacy not an English class – Grade 10's would be the priority. Lit Blitz is a support we use to help support the test. This school provides excellent support to our students.
- EQAO Math test for grade 9 students both semesters. A portion of the final mark. EQAO website has excellent resources.

- Safe schools assemblies – Smoke Free Ontario Act, vaping is now covered. No smoking/vaping 20 metres from our boundary line. Fines have increased. There is a \$1000 fine for first offense. Need to do something pro-active around vaping. Report vaping to the office.
- We have two lunches – Grade 9/11 – period 3; Grade 10/12 – period 4. Students are expected to be in class. We have some new furniture in the atrium and cafeteria. Five minutes is travel time. Proper behaviour needs to be reinforced. Especially in a community/group setting, Pizza Pizza etc.... There seems to be security at the plaza this year.
- Communication with staff is important. eBulletin, email is used regularly, Edsby is currently used for parent interview night only at this point. Google Classroom and Moodle are also used. TeachAssist is the main method of communication. Expect a 24 hour turn-around time for email. Course outlines have been distributed to students. At 18 years of age communication to parents stop. Paperwork is needed to allow access after 18 years of age. Inform is a new attendance system calling system. Attendance is available on the eBulletin. Also displays community service hours. Community Service forms are available in Guidance. Review the back of the form.
- Website – calendar on the left hand side, school information, staff list, clubs teams etc.... available on the website. Concussion information forms available on our website. Other social media outlets available. Goodmorningshs is a good resource also.
- Six meetings and awards ceremony. March 24, 2020, Meeting dates: November 18, January 13, February 24, April 6, May 11. Presentation from Triple P; asking to have them present at one of our upcoming meetings. Discussion/interactive presentation. Cafeteria will be used. No concerns regarding meeting dates.
- October 17 is our awards ceremony. Principal’s Honour Roll and Subject Awards. Junior and Senior celebration. Theatre will not be available this year due to construction.
- University presentation October 17 – Mulock S.S. – evening event. College Fair is also coming. Dates will be posted once available.

New Business/Questions

- 1360 students this year
- Class sizes are unchanged from last year. We have a class cap. All of our students have a timetable.
- Four web courses – no new details yet, will it be graduated?
- Cellphone ban – November 4; under teacher direction, phone is away otherwise.
- Fundraising – not largely used at the Secondary level – optional student engagement fee – we have less funds available to us. We are funded more than an elementary school. Terry Fox Run isn’t organized at the school – we support Relay for Life. We have raised over \$300 000 over the last four years.

Adjourned – 8:05 p.m.