

## Newmarket High School

### School Council

#### Minutes – Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:45 NHS Library

1. Welcome and call to order
2. School Council Elections
  - Roles of Chair/co-chair, treasurer and secretary explained
  - Elisa Mobile agreed to be chair and was acclaimed
  - Tracey Cole volunteered to be treasurer and was acclaimed
  - Abby Kassar volunteered to be secretary and was acclaimed

#### School Council Meetings Planned:

- Monday November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> is Awards Day at 6:45

3. Council Reports – Carson Pennington – Student Council President
  - a. Upcoming School Events
    - Spirit Days coming up this week to promote inclusion and sense of belonging
    - This week is Battle of the Grades featuring:
      - Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> – Karaoke in the Cafeteria
      - Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> – Sit Down Volleyball
      - Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> – Coloured Day – Wear the colour representing your grade
      - Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> – Scavenger Hunt
    - After this week, Spirit Days are held once a week until Halloween:
      - September 28<sup>th</sup> – Jersey Day
      - October 5<sup>th</sup> – Tie Dye Day
      - October 12<sup>th</sup> – Socks and Sandals Day
      - October 19<sup>th</sup> – Denim on Denim Day
      - Halloween Week – a week of Halloween themed activities
    - Updates and events are available on Twitter at Goodmorning NHS which is ran by student and Instagram (not accessible on school property)
    - These events do not require parental involvement

4. Staff Representative – Mary Perin – Guidance

- Mary is the staff representative on School Council
- Will bring forward any staff matters that need to be shared with School Council
- Emails from the guidance department are sent to student's emails and need to be checked regularly

5. Administration Reports

a. School Life – Eric Gordon

- For this year, lunches are held period 3 for grades 9 and 11, period 4 for grades 10 and 12. This allows for better connections with kids and staff and allows for activities to take place during these two periods. This also allows for better monitoring of the building.
- Typically November is a challenging month for students, parents are encouraged to help their children, perk them up and help them push through the month
- Homework – students work very hard and homework times/work load is different depending on the child. For some students, the work load may be intense. The guidelines by the Board is 50 minutes for grade 9 and 1.5 hours for grade 10/11. This is only a guideline. Students are encouraged to use the time given to them in class to complete their assign homework
- School involvement – students at NHS are encouraged to get involved, this provides them with a sense of belonging and improves academic achievements. This is also positive for their well being. Many clubs and sports teams are available to participate in and are outlined on the school's website. Parents should review and encourage their children to get involved
- Behaviour in Plaza – Students are out and about and often go to the plaza. Parents are encouraged to remind their children about their behavior in the plaza. Reinforce being safe and a respectful customer in the plaza.

b. Communication – Lynn MacDonald

- NHS sends out emails every 2 weeks – ebulletin that reports absence and late attendance. Some teachers also send out emails for their subject. If you have not received any emails, the school may not have the correct email address. If there is absences or late arrivals, parents are encouraged to discuss with their children.
- If you have any issues start with the class room teacher, email works best to connect with teachers.

c. EQAO – Pina Viscomi

EQAO – Grade 9 students taking Math this semester will have EQAO on January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup>. Students taking Math next semester will have EQAO on June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>. 5% of the EQAO mark is allocate to the final Math mark.

d. Awards Ceremony – Pina Viscomi

Awards Ceremony is an academic ceremony. Three survey's last year and based on feedback changed the format. October 17<sup>th</sup> @5:30 is last year's grade 9 students. Awards

are given to highest average, principal honour role for 8 courses with an average of 90% or above. Also subject awards for the highest mark in each subject. Honour role students with 80% average get a certificate in homeroom class. On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, grade 10 and 11 from last year will be given their awards.

e. Achievement Reports – Pina Viscomi

Achievement Report is distributed in home room period on October 12. This is interim report. Snapshot based on 6 weeks.

f. Parent Night – Pina Viscomi

Parents Interview Night – October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Sign up on Edsby for appointment with teacher. Edsby will open after reports go home.

6. Approval of School Council Minutes from May 10, 2018

- Motion to approve Minutes – Tracey Cole
- Seconded by – Elisa Mobile

7. New Business

- MOBYSS is a Mobile Clinic at NHS that will be there every second Monday from 9:30-3:00 pm beginning October 1, 2018. Three practitioners on site and students do not need an OHIP card to access services.
- Portables – 2 new portables are very nice with A/C, Wifi, and very comfortable. The grade 9 French immersion and other French Immersion classes are in the portables.

8. Adjourned

Next Meeting – Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45