

Newmarket High School Council
Tuesday, October 28th Minutes of Meeting

Second School Council Meeting of the School Year

Chair:	Jeanine Cardinali	Acting Secretary:	Jeanine Cardinali
Administration:	Shawn Bredin		Karen Parris
Office Admin.	Eva Greenwood	Teacher Rep.:	Laurie Johnson
Treasurer:	Arlene Breau		

Members in Attendance:

Karen Dunn	Angelica McIntyre	Terry Richard	Maria Crosse
Barb Whelpley	Evelyn Siebert	Iva Huschka	

Regrets:

Co-Chair:	Gwyneth Anderson
Secretary	Guangxia Meng
Admin:	Susan Richard
Lori Anderson	Kelly Hayes-Frederick
Jennifer Morris	

Meeting was called to order at 6:47 by Co-Chair, Jeanine Cardinali.
There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of our September 17th meeting.
A Motion was made to accept the minutes by Evelyn Siebert and Seconded by Eva Huschka.
Minutes Accepted.

Student Council Report Not available as a representative was not in attendance.

Admin Report: Shawn Bredin (Principal)

SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) SHSM programs offered at Newmarket High were explained and brochures on both topics of Business and Construction were handed out to members. Shawn explained how the program works and the advantages. SHSM students receive an additional transcript outlining their accomplishments. At this time Construction and Business are the only majors available, but other areas are being explored such as Sports and Marketing as well as Health and Wellness. The ministry of education has put a lot of money and effort into this program.

AP (Advanced Programs) Shawn said there were a number of rumors circulating the school community regarding this Program. The rumors are just that... Rumors. The AP Class in Biology did not run due to not having high enough numbers to run the class. AP is not available on some courses. This enriched curriculum is often run in the class, with the regular class and given an AP exam.

Trees: We have lost all the Ash Trees at the front of our school due to disease. They will be replanted.

Assembly:

Scholarships and Financial Aid for Grade 12 Students, to be held Period 5, Thursday, October 30th.
Youth Speak guest speaker on Mental Health for Grade 11 on November 18th.

Black History Month: In February Glen Marais will be speaking with the Grade 10 students. Huddle Up Program by Argos. A pre-meeting was attended by Laurie Johnson.

Report Cards: Mid-Term reports come out on November 13th.

Take your kids to work: Students in Grade 9 are given an opportunity to go to work with a parent or family friend to discover more about the work place. Many companies offer special programs to accommodate the students.

Remembrance Day: November 11th, the school will once again, have a Remembrance Day Observation in the atrium of the school. The program is brief but very powerful with the Bag Pipes, reading of Flanders Field.

Halloween, October 31st There would be a common lunch planned so the students would have an opportunity to dine together and there would be a Halloween parade. Parents were asked to remind their children that no weapons or replica can be brought into the school. Faces must be visible, with the exception of the parade.

A council member, Barb Whelpley, gave feedback on the recent **Student Excellence Awards Ceremony** held at Newmarket Theatre. She was disappointed in the way the awards were handed out, and would have liked more information to be given out regarding each student and what award or awards they were receiving. She reported that the ceremony the year before was better planned. Admin responded by saying they would consider her comments, but it was difficult with the number of students and the number of awards.

Treasurer Report: Arlene Breau

We have \$598.62 in our account. This was money received from the **"Parent Engagement Grant."** This money is to be used to engage parents.

Arlene Breau and Maria Crosse agreed to explore ideas and cost, and will meet with Jeanine Cardinali prior to our next meeting to bring some ideas to council to vote.

Pro-Grant: Funds from Pro-Grant are being used to fund a school collaboration event. Gwyneth Anderson has been involved in this group for a number of years, and will continue to represent Newmarket High for this event. Jeanine Cardinali has just joined this group, and will attend with Gwyneth. Gwyneth will bring more details when final decisions have been made, but it looks like there will be an information night on the topic of "Mental Health", possibly in February with a panel of experts on hand to answer questions and give out information.

Future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, November 25th.
Wednesday, January 14th.
Thursday, February 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 by Chair