

Newmarket High School Council Minutes for May 9, 2016

In Attendance...

Principal – Shawn Bredin Vice-Principal – Susan Richard Teacher Representative – Mary Perin
Eva Greenwood, Terry Richard, Evelyn, Poupak Pournazari, Peter Cozzi, Jeanine Cardinali, Lica McIntyre
Minutes taken by: Juliane Goyette

Meeting was called to order by Shawn Bredin as the Chair, Goetz Milke, was not present. Peter Cozzi said he would stand in as Chair for the evening. Peter asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Jeanine Cardinali motioned to approve the minutes and Lica McIntyre seconded.

No students from the school were present to report.

Administration reports –

Mr. Bredin announced that Susan Richard (Vice Principal) will be retiring as of June 30th. She has been with the school for 6 years as Vice Principal and is in charge of the French program. We wish her well in her retirement!

On April 27th, there was a privacy breach with emails which was reported by Mr. Bredin as a technology issue, not human error. The Career Cruising system sent out an email to Grade 12 students and their parents with all of the emails being viewed by those who received it rather than the emails being 'blind copied'. A further email was sent out to notify those affected as to what had happened.

Relay for Life is taking place the afternoon/evening of May 19th and will go until 10pm. Students have been signing up for this event as well as fundraising. There will be lots of staff on site along with police officers.

Prom will be on May 26th at 6pm at The Manor. Any before or after parties are not condoned by the school. Legally there may be students who are able to drink, however, it is policy of The Manor that anyone showing up who has had a drink or seems intoxicated will not be permitted to enter the facility. If any drinks are seen in the vehicle that arrives at prom, no one from that vehicle will be allowed entrance.

The school is now working on timetabling for next year. They should be done by the end of June; however, timetables will not be sent to students via email until late August (in case of staffing and scheduling changes) through gapps.yrdsb.ca.

A student from Newmarket High has the honor of being granted the first 'Ignite Award'. This student will be presented the award at graduation, along with a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Board recently recognized Dan Vucko with an award for demonstrating leadership in his community. He was a founding member of the Healthy Schools Council; current co-chair of the Relay for Life committee; as well as current president of Student Council.

Two teachers from Newmarket High were recently nominated for Community Character Awards. This is a regional event and not a board event. Mrs. Sue Thompson (for her work with the lunch program 'Food for Thought' and Mrs. Lisa Rawding (for her work with mental health awareness) were both nominated. Peter Cozzi and Mr. Bredin have been attempting to get in touch with a speaker to hold a session for parents on the topic of social media, but have been unsuccessful. This would be to use the Reach Out

grant. We have until the end of June to use the Pro-Grant. Peter is going to see about possibly putting something together for early June. Mr. Bredin stated that we also need to be applying now for the Pro Grant for next year. Peter will fill out the application for next year on behalf of School Council and Jeanine Cardinali offered to help him out with this, if needed.

Susan Richard reported that the Ecology Club will be doing some planting in the back of the school. There have been some trees cut down in the front as well that they are trying to get sponsorship for to plant.

The school just finished a 'Mental Health' week. There were activities such as yoga and Zumba, as well as a Mental Health Fair organized by the Healthy Schools Council.

There will be a spirit day coming up where students wear a favorite 'music' t-shirt. Freezies will be given out on that day, as well.

Grade 9's currently taking Math will have their EQAO testing on June 14th and 15th in class. This provincial math test will count as 5% of their final mark.

On May 31st, the Athletic Banquet will be held in the school cafeteria with dinner and awards being presented.

Exams will take place from June 21st to June 27th with Grade 12's doing their first exam during period 3 on June 20th. June 28th is exam review day in the morning and the graduation in the evening.

Mary Perin said that they are now preparing for the grad awards. Students will complete an application to be considered for the award. The applications are given to the sponsors of each award and the sponsors go through the submissions and choose a winner.

Guidance is working on an OSAP presentation for students to think about how to apply for OSAP and to think about how they will pay for post-secondary education.

There was no treasurer report.

There was discussion about the proper protocol for electing the positions for the school council. Peter Cozzi will research this protocol and get back to Mr. Bredin on this.

The next meeting will be held in the fall on Thursday, September 22, 2016.