

Newmarket High School

School Council

Minutes – Tuesday Feb 19, 2019 @ 6:45 NHS Library

1. Welcome & call to order

2. Approval of School Council Minutes from Jan 8, 2019 –Peter moves and Tracey seconds the approval of the Minutes

3. Student Council Reports – Carson Pennington (unable to attend)– Student Council President
 - a. Upcoming student events
 - b. Current week is a Spirit Week – in anticipation of the semi-formal
 - c. Students participation in York Region Skills Challenge which advances to Regional and Provincial levels – photography, carpentry and other skills

4. Staff Reports
 - a. Course Selection – My Pathway Planner – timetable changes have been completed – night school courses have started
 - b. Pathway Planner is due Friday Feb. 22 – in digital format – printed copy will be accepted with parent signature – due on Feb. 27
 - c. This includes all incoming Grade 8 students and Grade 12 students = 1700 plus students
 - d. Alison asked about summer school and Mary explained the procedure to register which is in addition to the pre-indication now which gives the school staff an idea of how many will attend
 - e. NHS may be a summer school location – there are several summer school locations – usually in each quadrant
 - f. There are some very competitive courses like Waterloo which investigate course credits
 - g. Interdisciplinary Courses (IDC) – are locally developed courses by NHS staff and not delivered at other schools at all levels- “Reinforcing Resiliency” is one of the current IDC courses – it is full – taught by a very experienced teacher and will share this course at the Regional Parent Symposium– are typically senior courses.
 - h. These are elective/interest courses

- i. Strong math, science and English courses
- j. These IDC courses offer some diversity courses.

5. Administration Reports

- a. Regional Parent Symposium – April 17, 2019 – 5 parents can attend – 5 – 9 pm are the hours for the Symposium
- b. School Excellence Awards – April 25 at 6:45pm – students with exceptional skills which may include learning skills, work habits, character, volunteerism, service to others, school spirit, contribution to school life, advocacy and other strengths. Recipients are nominated by teachers
- c. Keynote speaker is being considered – Hannah Alpha is the first choice
- d. MCs are to be chosen
- e. Jenn, Tracey and Elisa have done the work on this project
- f. Smoke Free Ontario Act – Vaping – upwards of \$1,000.00 of fines for Vaping on school property
- g. Some students are vaping at school – tobacco officers can serve fine notices with a witness to support the fine
- h. Staff do not take a vapes from students unless they are using the vape
- i. There is a School Board protocol for lawful narcotic use by students with parental and staff permission and supervision.
- j. Relay for Life – Thursday, May 23 – raised \$50,000 plus dollars – very impressive result

6. School Council Reports

- a. PRO Grant – Update - Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel – the parent reaching out grants have been released - \$7,000 available with school pooling – Karen Mahoney with Hamilton Hamilton Heather for an EP/IPRC talk
- b. Resiliency, resource fullness Dr. Robin Hanley/Defoe who has done a Ted Talk
- c. There is some funds available for another speaker.
- d. Erik mentioned Brent Ullman also does speaking
- e. Also Jennifer Cassellrod – has a new book called Social Media – free talk
- f. The remaining presentations will be at the primary schools in the NHS network

- g. Triple P Parent Session – Thursday, April 4 –
- h. Elisa received a tech presentation flyer – such as programming through robotics – Erik agreed to share the presenter as a potential resource for the NHS department
- i. NHS is using the new make it – which allows student use of lasers and 3D printing

7. New Business

-No new business

8. Adjourned at 8 pm