

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2020

In attendance:

Lisa Hume, Chair	Rose Walker, Principal
Carolyn Albanese, Vice Principal	Preet Shah, Student Council
Robert Carter, Co-Chair	Laura Taccone, Teacher Representative
Suman Danef, Secretary	Teri Turner, Parent
Jeff Foran, Vice Principal	Erin Gray, Guidance

Regrets:

Stephanie Lanigan, Parent	

- **Lisa Hume – Welcome**
 - Lisa welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

- **Preet Shah - Student Council Report**
 - Preet reported that there was a successful hoodie day.
 - Talent show video
 - Virtual talent show is still being worked on and is freshly launched
 - Additional proposals will be coming forward such as a photography contest where students can submit photos when prompted by certain topics. Winners will be selected based on submissions.
 - Student Council is also looking at a possible Movie Night that students can participate in virtually.

- **Laura Taccone – Teacher’s Report**
 - Guidance Updates:
 - Free Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction Program for Youth is available at www.theartlifehealth.com. It is an 8-week online program beginning November 23rd at 6:30 pm
 - Skills Ontario, who focus on apprenticeships and skilled trades, is providing a free parent presentation on November 23 at 7:00 pm. Check the Spartan Speaks for more information.

- Last week, Ms. Gray, our Department Head, offered an 'Applying to University' workshop after school. It was very well attended with over 80 students attending the virtual session. A recording of this workshop and Q & A session is available for viewing in the Guidance Classroom.
 - Applying to College? There is a virtual workshop this Thursday at 4:00 pm.
 - Looking for information related to Guidance, graduation, community service hours, mental health supports? Join the Guidance Google Classroom using the class code: *ljh6ex6*
- Student Success Update:
 - Struggling with online learning and the loneliness many are feeling? Academic and social-emotional support is available to all students. Please reach out to a member of our team:
 - katrina.sale@yrdsb.ca (Student Success and History teacher)
 - laura.taccone@yrdsb.ca (Student Success and Guidance Counselor)
 - lindsay.simick@yrdsb.ca (Child and Youth Care Worker)
 - denise.rotondi@yrdsb.ca (Child and Youth Care Worker)
 - We are currently supporting students in a largely virtual model either in private or small group breakout rooms as part of the regular classroom, or in separate google meets during work periods. Some in-person, physically distanced can be arranged.
- Music Department Update
 - The music teachers, Mr. Marlatt and Mrs. Marlatt, would like to congratulate all band members who successfully collaborated to create their first ever Virtual 'O Canada' which was played during the Awards Presentation.
- Special Education Update:
 - IEPs went out in mid-October to all students.
 - Special Education Resource Teachers (SERT) are available for all identified students. If your child is struggling, please contact Special Education to arrange. SERTS are doing weekly check-ins and encourage students to contact them for extra help as well.
 - darcie.grant@yrdsb.ca (Head of Special Education)
 - diana.vario@yrdsb.ca (Assistant Head of Special Education)
 - lauren.cluff@yrdsb.ca (SERT)
 - katharine.beuving@yrdsb.ca (SERT)
 - sharmin.dadani@yrdsb.ca (SERT)

- **Erin Gray – Guidance – Scholarship Information for Grade 12 Presentation**
 - Erin provided a Scholarship presentation which can be found under the Guidance tab on the school website for those interested. It is important to start to look at the options available in grade 11 as there are many opportunities that are not taken advantage of.

- **Rose Walker – Student Experience**
 - Rose provided a presentation of the adaptive model and the general at school experience and the processes in place for all students and staff.
 - The use of two entrances, PPE, sanitization, decals in hallways, use of washrooms and hallway movement was explained.
 - The process for entry/exit for visitors and couriers was explained.
 - Review of the breakfast program, which is still happening however, is being done by staff
 - In the classroom things have also been adapted to the need for distancing and not sharing materials. This has created the need for more materials.
 - Study hall is available in the afternoons however, it is not being utilized very much.
 - Overall, things have been going well and it was noted that the response of students in following all the required protocols has been excellent.

- **Carolyn Albanese – Principal’s Report**
 - **Multi-Year Plan**
 - **Foster Well-Being and Mental Health**
 - i. We create safe, healthy, and inclusive learning and working environments.
 - **Champion Equity and Inclusivity**
 - ii. We develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to remove barriers in support of all learners.
 - **Build Collaborative Relationships**
 - iii. We build trusting relationships based on respectful and responsive communication.
 - **Empower Ethical Leadership**
 - iv. We lead ethically by focusing on students and upholding our values.
 - **Instructional**
 - Student Progress Interviews were conducted virtually on Oct. 29th. Any parent feedback would be appreciated so that the school can learn and improve for future.
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony included a moment of silence followed by a video explaining the meaning of Remembrance Day and the value & reflection on the sacrifices made.
 - Program Survey closed today and this was to allow a change from face to face or virtual classes.

- Awards Distribution – Nov. 16&17 – was a great experience although this could not be done in an assembly format. Photos were shared.
 - Midterms Report – Nov 19th distribution.
 - Instructional: ongoing equity instruction professional development of staff – there is a robust committee that looks at ways to be culturally responsible and exciting to see indigenous education and development of course curriculum.
 - No OSSLT English or Math this year.
- **Operational**
 - New Lead Caretaker – Andrew Barrett is welcomed to the school.
 - Fire Drills/Lockdown/Hold and Secure (Nov. 25th) – 6 drills will be held for each cohort.
- **Events**
 - Virtual Grad – Nov. 23rd – presentation is available for viewing on the school website.
 - Yearbook Distribution Ongoing in the office by appointment only.
 - The grad package which includes: Diploma, Transcript, Composite Distribution (includes Grad Gowns, caps, key chain) are available for pick up. Delivery into cars can be scheduled by booking an appointment.
 - Grade 8 Virtual Information Evening – Dec 3rd – this presentation is available on the school website for a while also.
- **Future Meeting Dates:**
 - April 19, 2021
 - June 7, 2021
 - It was thought that future Grade 9 parents could be invited to future meetings.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:00 PM