

Student Council Meeting
September 19, 2022
7:00 pm
Library

Ms Cheong passed around attendance sheets and welcomed everyone.

Ms. Cheong read the land acknowledgement.

Mr. Gheewala introduced the admin team and respective alphas.

Mr. Gheewala provided the agenda.

Shanzay spoke on behalf of Student Activity Council.

Shanzay explained the structure of student council: Student Voice, Events and Fundraising, Communications, and Clubs.

Mr. Gheewala said this evening's presentation will be posted on our website.

Shanzay explained the USAC election process.

Shanzay highlighted current USAC plans: spirit activities, student town halls, grade 9 elections, leadership retreat, Red Cross fundraiser, student activity fee awareness.

Shanzay shared the names of some of our clubs.

Mr. Gheewala explained how clubs work: teacher advisor, submission of application, approval, setting of meeting dates.

Shanzay explained changes to our school constitution and means of accessing information through our media and news channels.

Sara Faulkner introduced herself as the teacher advisor to USAC. She explained our unique structure: 5 students per grade; each of 4 committees elects a chair.

Ms. Cheong outlined the School Council's purpose and responsibilities - advisory body, encourage engagement of all parents, development of school improvement plan:

- We are required to hold elections in the first 30 calendar days
- Ensure we meet at least four times per year
- Ensure council is representative of the school community
- (See reminders about school council meetings in weekly parent bulletin)
- Ensure financial records are up to date and that fundraising aligns with school improvement plan
- Code of Ethics: consider best interests of ALL students, follow equity and inclusivity policy, no disclosure of confidential information, declare conflicts of interest
- Council made up of chair/co-chair, secretary, treasurer, community members, staff and student representatives

A parent asked a question about the time commitment required if they were a member of the School Council.

Ms. Cheong explained the election process.

Nomination forms due by this Friday, September 23 at 4:00 pm.

Voting closes on Friday, September 30 at 4:00 pm and ballots will be counted.

Anoosh (current chair) explained what executive council members do (e.g. last year - provided input on guest speakers, promoted student tech initiative, worked with Milliken Mills to raise awareness about school structure during the pandemic).

Ms. Nunes reviewed parking rules.

Ms. Nunes reviewed bell times.

Ms. Nunes reviewed attendance procedures.

Ms. Nunes reviewed lunch expectations.

Mr. Belmonte explained Course Selection (February 2022).

Mr. Belmonte explained Timetabling process (May - June 2022) - how sections are allocated for 2022-2023 based on projections in May/June.

Mr. Belmonte explained June 2022-September 2022 process

- Reception Centre Students
- International Students - confirm arrivals
- New registrations within our boundary
- No shows
- Request for additional staffing and job postings
- Students transferring in

Mr. Belmonte explained staffing/hiring/timetabling processes

Mr. Belmonte introduced the Guidance Counsellors and their respective alphas

Mr. Belmonte explained the role of counsellors

Mr. Belmonte explained how to connect with a counsellor

Mr. Belmonte explained community involvement hours

Mr. Belmonte shared Google Classroom information - grad/scholarships

Mr. Belmonte shared Post-Secondary Information

Mr. Belmonte shared how to stay up to date on Guidance news

Mr. Belmonte thanked everyone for attending

Ms. Cheong thanked everyone and shared the upcoming meeting dates