**Questions?** 

Pls use the link in the chat.

# School Council Meeting #2 Monday, October 17, 2022

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Welcome

Please mute your mic.

## Land Acknowldgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Agenda



Welcome to our new 2022-2023 School Council Executive

- 1. Hybrid Meeting Protocols, questions?
- 2. Minutes from September 19 School Council Meeting
- 3. Updates from USAC
- 4. Updates from Admin Staffing, Facilities, Programs
- 5. Subject Department Presentations: Technology & Drama
- 6. Community Care Social Worker and Community and Partnership Developer
- 7. Other



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

## **USAC** Updates

### Welcome Ms. Faulkner and Student Name

### Updates from Admin



Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews:

- Use TeachAssist to schedule a meeting time with each of your child's teachers.
- parent portal one time access request
- Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click <u>here</u>.

Wed. Oct 19 - Thurs. Oct 20	Electronic Interim Report Distribution to Families
Thurs. Oct 20 9:00 AM	TeachAssist Appointment Manager Opens
Tues. Oct 25 3:00 PM	TeachAssist Appointment Manager Closes
Wed. Oct 26 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interview Night (in-person at UHS)

### **Updates From Admin**



- **Timetables and Parking Thanks for your patience!**
- Student enrolment (1933) and staffing (113); UHS no longer open to transfers
- **Breakfast Boost and Snacks**
- November 2 TYKTW & TYKTHS
- November 18 22 Electronic Distribution of Reports to Families
- November 29 Full Disclosure Deadline
- Exams: (student attendance required)
- January 26 (per. 5), 27 (per. 1), 30 (per. 2), 31 (per. 3), Feb 1 (per. 4)
- Thursday, February 2 is Mark Review Day (modified schedule)
- Friday, February 3 (PA Day)

## Subject Presentations

Lisa Wong - Department Head of Technology Studies - Live

https://sites.google.com/view/uhs-teched-en/home

## Subject Presentations

# Lazaros Geronikolos - Department Head of

### Drama - Pre-recorded



## Greetings from **Community and Partnership** Developer and Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Canadian Community)



#### Inclusive School & Community Services Community and Partnership Developers (CPDs)

#### Information for School Communities

North Region SISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Magnet Learning!

Through building and maintaining strong collaborative partnerships with school communities, community organizations and social service agencies, the **CPDs** respond to the emerging needs of your school community.

To ensure that the diverse needs of your school community are met, we deliver equitable and inclusive education practices by providing programs and resources along with direct support for students, parents and staff.

In collaboration with community organizations, we may support schools, students and families with:

- school community initiatives
- extracurricular programs
- community outreach and engagement
- nutrition programs
- parenting supports and education
- community resources and supports
- issues of equity and inclusivity

- student and parent engagement
- early years
- transition to high school and post-secondary
- opportunities for youth
- basic needs (food, clothing, medical, housing)
- professional development
- affirming identity

We support your school community, students and families of all needs and backgrounds in York Region through various community resources and supports. Additionally, we also support all YRDSB schools regionally with our areas of specializations.

We invite you to contact your CPD Team directly or through the family and student referral form .



For a full list of contact details, please visit our YRDSB contact page.



# **Student Council Meeting**

### Unionville High School



Inspire Learning!

#### Introduction of Community Care Social Worker (CCSW)



Charmaine Tong (MSW, RSW) pronounces she/ her/hers, currently works as one of the Community Care Social Worker supporting the Chinese Heritage Community. In this role, she focuses on helping the school communities to build capacity to support the Chinese Heritage students and families through Anti-Asian racism and anti-oppressive lenses. She provides one-on-one direct social work support for Chinese Heritage students who have social, emotional, and mental health needs, which are impacting their abilities to thrive in school. Thus, she provides culturally relevant psychoeducation to staffs and families with the purpose of empowering them to find identity affirming and innovative strategies to help students succeed in school. She is passionate to advocate and support children, youth, and families experiencing barriers to access to appropriate resources and community support. Her biggest hope is to have the voices of Chinese Heritage community to be heard and included in school communities.



### Ice-Breaking activity:







### **Building Community of Practice**

#### We would like to learn more about WHAT MATTERS to you

I AM (identities/ roles)

I BELIEVE (value systems)

I ENVISION (school direction)





### **Discussion questions**

1. Could you share with us your definition of community?

2. What are some changes you hope to see at Unionville HS?

 How do you think we could support the mental health and well-being of students at Unionville HS? (i.e. any workshops you are interested to attend?)



## Upcoming Events



MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 - School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 - Fire Drill #2 2:00pm WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 - Fire Drill #2 Rain date 2:00pm Study Skills Workshop in the Library FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 - P.A. Day MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 - Diwali WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 - Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews 6:30pm -8:30pm THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 - COMC - Math Contest WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work Day Post-Secondary Information Fair @ Markville SS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - Fire Drill #3 9:15am FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - Fire Drill #3 - Rain date 9:15am



## Upcoming Events cont.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - 17 - Graduation Photos MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - Staff Meeting 3:15pm THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - AU Information Night @ Markham Theatre/UHS 6:30pm-8:30pm FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Remembrance Day WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - Gr 8 Open House @ UHS 6:30pm-8:30pm FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - PA Day OUAC 1st Resubmission OCAS 1st Resubmission MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - Leadership Meeting - 3:15pm MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm - 8:30 pm TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Semester 1 Full Disclosure Date

## Upcoming School Council Meetings

Monday, November 28, 2022 – School Council Meeting #3

Monday, January 23, 2023 - School Council Meeting #4

Monday, February 27, 2023 – School Council Meeting #5

Monday, April 24, 2023 – School Council Meeting #6

## Thank you

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