School Council Meeting #1 September 19, 2022

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.

Unionville High School Welcome and Introductions

• Suelyn Cheong, Principal suelyn.cheong@yrdsb.ca

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UHS Admin Team

Ms. Cheong

Principal



Ms. Nunes Principal on

Assignment

K-R, U-V

Mr. Gheewala Vice-Principal

A - J



Mr. Belmonte

Vice-Principal

S-T, W-Z





Ms. Kyriopoulos

Secondary Office Administrative Assistant (SOAA)

Agenda

- 1. USAC greetings Shanzay Zehra
- and Sara Faulkner
- 2. School Council Overview and Elections
- 3. Guidance update
- 4. Administration Update Staffing and Timetable updates, Enrollment and projections, Plant and Facility (parking)





Unionville Student Council 2022/2023

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Structure of Student Council

Student Voice Committee

- ★ Runs elections
- Facilitates student town halls
- ★ Facilitates student leadership development

Events & Fundraising

Runs spirit events Supports school wide activities

Communications Committee

- Designs, writes and shares school information via announcements, posters and social media
- \star Writing an communications plan

Clubs

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Advise on club governance Promote new and existing clubs Run a annual club fair Run monthly club info exchange meetings

Election Process

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Grade 10, 11, 12 representatives are elected every spring

Grade 9 representatives are elected in September (applications were accepted last week, and final 10 candidates will be announced this Friday







STUDENT FEES!





Constitution

ARTICLE 2. MANDATE

Section 1 To be responsible stewards who prioritize the best interests of the student body through good governance, effective leadership, cooperation, and efficient communication;

Section 2 To foster a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment within the school, promoting student voice, school spirit, unity, acceptance and respect by ensuring that all activities, events and initiatives recognize and celebrate students' diverse social identities by being anti-racist, anti-ableist, challenge heteronormativity and cultivate a community of belonging for all;

Section 3 To represent the 'official voice' of the student body, whereby all concerns of the student community are addressed through one or more of the following: student council meetings, parent council meetings, clubs meetings, student town halls. Feedback will be communicated to school Administration;

Section 4 To address concerns of the student body in a timely manner and resolve particular concerns presented to Student Council and with the guidance of the Student Council Teacher Advisors and School Administration;

Section 5 To communicate and create an informative partnership with the student body, the school administration, the school council, and the community, through regular student town hall discussions, meetings of club and council leaders, surveys, websites, newsletters, social media and email;

Section 6 To act as a liaison to other clubs and committees within the school to promote school identity, community, school spirit, and scholastic achievement;

Section 7 To implement initiatives, in consultation with school Administration, that benefit the student body;

Section 8: To model exceptional and ethical student leadership practices and offer opportunities to develop student leadership among clubs and councils.

Last year, we rewrote our constitution to better reflect our work and incorporate our new structure and election process



STUDENT LIFE WEBSITE







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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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School Council: Purpose and Responsibilities



School Council 2022-2023 Responsibilities Highlights

Purpose and Responsibilities of School Council:

- act as an advisory body that can make recommendations to the Principal or the Board
- maintain a school wide perspective
- regularly attend school council meetings
- encourage engagement of all parents within the school community
- participate in the development and implementation of the school improvement plan;

School Council 2022-2023 Responsibilities Highlights

Purpose and Responsibilities of School Council continued:

- collaborative
- follow election procedures and the filling of vacancies between elections;
- hold elections for members of school councils during the first 30 calendar days of each school year;
- ensure that a parent qualifies;
- meet at least four times during the school year;
- record and maintain minutes of all meetings;

School Council 2022-2023 Principal Responsibilities

• Principals are responsible for:

- be a member of the school council;
- attend all school council meetings (vice-principal may be designates);
- ensuring that a school council is established that represents the school community;
- communicating and collaborating with school councils;
- actively seeking representation;
- make known the names of members of the school council
- forwarding information on community resources to school councils;
- provide written notice of the dates, times and locations of the meetings;

Principal Responsibilities continued... Principals are responsible for:

- soliciting the views of the school council;
- ensuring that any fundraising carried out by the school council aligns with the school improvement plan;
- ensuring that the financial records are maintained at the school;

School Council Code of Ethics

- consider the best interests of all students;
- be guided by the school and the Board's mission statements;
- become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices;
- follow the Board's Equity and Inclusive Education policy;
- treat all other members with respect;
- not disclose confidential information;
- use established communication channels;
- declare any conflict of interest;
- not accept any payment or benefit financially through school council involvement.

Executive School Council Members

• Chair or Co-chair

organizing meetings and consulting with P
 meeting agenda and minutes are accessible
 parents are consulted on school issues

• Secretary

summarize each discussion and record decisions or recommendations made by Council

- Treasurer provide a budget update
- Community Members Arts/STEM representatives
- Other Staff representative, Student representative

Elections Process

When are elections?

• first 30 calendar days of the school year;

Wednesday, Sept 7

• first day of school

Monday, September 12

nomination forms were emailed as part of the StartUp package

Friday, September 23

Completed Nomination forms due by 4:00 p.m.

Elections Process

Monday, September 26

 nominee profiles will be emailed to parents with online directions to vote

Friday, September 30

Elections voting closes at 4 p.m. and ballots will be counted

Wednesday, Oct 5

successful candidates will be contacted on or before this date

Friday, Oct 7

 School Council 2022-2023 Executive will be published in Parent Bulletin

Parking Lot Signage





Bell Times

School begins: 8:25 a.m.

Bell #1: Homeroom - 8:25am Bell #2: end of Period 1 – 9:45am Bell #3: end of Period 2 – 11:05am Bell #4: end of Period 3 – 12:25pm Bell #5: end of Period 4 – 1:45pm Bell #6: end of Period 5 – 3:05pm

Attendance

- Students who arrive between 8:25am and 8:45am should go directly to class.
- Entry to the classroom after 8:25am is considered late.
- All teachers will submit attendance at/by 8:45am.
- Students who arrive after 8:45am shall go directly to the main office to sign in.
- Students are expected to depart from UHS no later than 4:00pm unless they are under direct supervision of a UHS staff member.

Lunch Expectations

• There is NO cafeteria food service until early October

 Everyone wishing to eat indoors should be eating in the Cafeteria or by the lockers near the Cafeteria only - food is not permitted in the halls, classrooms or gyms



Administration Update

Course Selection (February 2022)
Timetabling (May - June 2022) - sections based on 2022-2023 projection in May/June

June 2022 - September 2022

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





Ms. Hawkins

Lo – V



Mr. Tam

W – Z





The Role of the Guidance Counsellor

- Advise and provide resources for students with regards to education and career planning
- Course selection and timetabling
- Managing student records: credits and community involvement hours
- Providing information regarding post-secondary programs
- Support students experiencing social/emotional difficulties.
- Connecting with our community partners (Family Service York Region, 360 Kids, Kids Help Phone, etc.)
- Liaise with teachers

How to Connect with a Guidance Counsellor

Students can schedule appointments via teach assist. Parents/Guardians can also schedule appointments by contacting the Guidance Secretary (x458)

Appointment bookings will begin in October Appointment Booking Instructions:

1. Log into your Teach Assist account. https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb

 Under the sub-heading select, "Appointment Bookings".

3. Choose your counsellor (based on your last name).

4. Click on the day and time you want to have your appointment.

6. If you need to cancel your appointment for any reason, click "Cancel". If you have any trouble making your appointment, please let the Guidance department know.



Community Involvement Hours

Students are encouraged to continue working on completing their community involvement hours. A minimum of 40 hours is required to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

To ensure their activity is eligible, students are asked to receive approval for their activity from their alpha counsellor prior to completing their hours.

Students can still pick up community involvement tracking forms outside the Guidance office or can obtain a <u>digital form</u>. Completed forms can be submitted by scanning or taking a picture and sending them to the student's alpha counsellor.

To find out more and gain access to digital forms, please join the Volunteer Google Classroom. Join Code: emu544b

Additional information can be found here: <u>https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/experience-secondary-school</u> <u>/graduation-requirements/community</u>

Grad and Scholarship Info

Grade 12 potential grads have been asked to join the Grad Google classroom. Information regarding graduation information and post-secondary programs will be posted here.

Join code: yueethm

Students can stay current on Scholarship and Enrichment opportunities by joining the Scholarships Google Classroom.

Join code: **5ehplvb**



Post-Secondary Information

Information about post-secondary planning and applications will be shared via a Guidance presentation in mid-October.

Notification of the date will be delivered via google classroom, announcements and in the weekly parent/guardian bulletin

2022 Ontario Universities' Fair (In-person Event)

October 1-2, 2022, from 9:30 am to 5 pm (ET), daily Metro Toronto Convention Centre

2022 Ontario College Information Fair (In-Person Event)

October 19, 2022 from 5pm to 9pm

October 20, 2022 from 9am to 2pm

Study and Go Abroad

<u>**Pre-registration reguired**</u>

Toronto (Metro Toronto Convention Centre): September 22, 2022

Stay Up-to-Date on Guidance News

Guidance information is posted weekly in the parent/guardian bulletin. Students are also emailed this bulletin to their GAPPS email.



Upcoming School Council Dates

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