



# Vaughan Secondary School Council Meeting

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Library: 7:00<sup>PM</sup>

## Minutes

**PRESENT:** *Camila Abramovich, Judy Antecol, Philip Antecol, Michelle Best (Staff Rep), Ellen Crackower, Michelle Flikas (teacher presenter), Raymond Fung (Vice Principal), Elizabeth Gartner, Christine Gomes, George Haim, Yvonne Kuo, Danielle Morris, Beverly Murray, Maria Maiato (Principal), Parsia Parnian (Student Government rep), Guy Peer (Chair), Elena Polyak-Duke, Carolina Rybnik, Sally Quan, Mila Robin, Anton Skerritt (Vice Principal), Kapil Vaid, Lorie Willoughby, Josephine Wong, Anna Woo, Yenny Zamorano*

### 1. Welcome & Review of Minutes

**Guy Peer**

*(Chair)*

- Guy shared the October Minutes and asked for a review
- October Minutes were approved by *Judy Antecol* and seconded by *Carolina Rybnik*
- we began with the "Beginning in A Good Way" to honour the Indigenous communities
  - encourage teachers to share the history of this relationship

### 2. Student Council Report

**Hoon (P) Parsia (VP)**

*(Student Council reps)*

- both Student Council representatives spoke about their aim to make student life as convenient as possible
- their role is to bridge the gap between the Admin and students
- the promotion of new clubs such as Fashion Club, Chess Club
  - to allow for recognition and funding for these new ventures
- they are also committed to raising school spirit with activities such as Spirit Days
  - recently had Hallowe'en decorations and activities, handed out candies
  - wanting to do more free Hot Chocolate Days for the early arrivals
  - wanting to implement student ideas directly
    - new Suggestion Box on Instagram
    - students are able to suggest anonymously for ideas such as activities for Spirit Days, improvements, feedback
    - also for feedback on events such as Semi-Formal ... students can have input on the theme
  - one new idea was to promote Bubble Tea

### 3. VIDEO ~ Human Trafficking

**Maria Maiato (Principal)**

- from the lens of teachers/Administrators □ Human Trafficking Training Module
- Maria is looking input from the parent community
  - understanding the protocols in place for students at risk
- understanding the language and methodology of trafficking including cues, changes in behaviour and social norms
- learning to create trust with victims/children

## 4. Applying to Post-Secondary

**Anna Flikas** (Head of

Guidance)

**All information below can also be found in more detail on the [Presentation Slides](#) provided by Ms. Flikas at the Post-Secondary Planning Information Session. The following are brief notes from the presentation:**

### Graduation Requirements

- 30 Credits (Compulsory & Electives)
- pass the OSSLT
- 40hrs Community Service

### The Purpose of a Bachelor Degree (earned at University or College)

- more suited to problem-solving and theoretical understanding of subjects
- requires higher level communication skills (both written and oral)
- understanding the traits of what is the best fit for each individual student

### A Diploma or Certificate Program (College)

- more practical application of skills & career-oriented
- preparation for more advanced learning, if desired
- some of the benefits  the ability to do 2yrs of a Diploma Program at College at a lesser cost, then apply to a Degree Program in a University stream

### Post-Secondary Options

- University Degrees (4-5yrs)
- Degree Programs at College (4 yrs)
- College Diplomas & Advanced Diplomas (2-3 yrs)
- College Certificates (1 yr)

### College AND University Options

- College (2-3 yrs)  University (2-3 yrs)
- University (4 yrs)  College Certificate(1 yr)

### Apprenticeships

- College preparation is often required to provide appropriate training
- students can go directly into an apprenticeship after high school
- students studying in the Skilled Trades area can start in Grade 11 and Gr 12 ...
  - Semester 2 of Gr 12  full day Coop
  - this can count toward Level 1 Apprenticeship ... and it's FREE!

### How to Learn More?

- Career Fair on Parent Night  already took place on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>
- College & University Fairs
- Open Houses at College/University campuses
- personal visits to campuses
  - Ms. Flikas strongly encourage students/families to visit campuses of choice before making your choices

### Guidance Information Google Classroom (student classroom access code **8422tz2**)

- Ms. Flikas shared the access to the Google Classroom and showed the information shared there including the Scholarships page

- certain scholarships are school-directed (*limited # and school will choose based on applicants ... selected by the Scholarship Committee*) and others are student-directed (*students can directly apply to these scholarships*)
- reviewing the 2019 University destination stats from Vaughan SS
  - o 57      York University
  - o 37      Ryerson University
  - o ??      University of Waterloo
  - o 19      University of Toronto
  - o 15      Wilfred Laurier University
  - o 14      McMaster University

### Application Procedures

University Application: [www.ouac.ca](http://www.ouac.ca)

College Application: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

- PIN#s were sent to all Gr12 students in their GAPPS account
- Applications are being accepted from November through to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (*for University applications*) and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (*for College applications*)

### Application Costs

- College  \$95 (*up to 5 choices*) BUT no more than 3 to any 1 college
- University  \$150 (*up to 3 choices*)
  - o after the first 3, it will be \$50 for each additional choice
  - o no more than 3 choices at any 1 university

### Applying for University

- requires a minimum of 6 U or M courses
- all programs require that a student has ENG4U1
- many will expect a Supplemental Applications  this can be written or video, essay, test/exam, audition, interview, letter of reference
  - DO NOT MISS DEADLINES
  - there is no flexibility!
- students with IEPs will receive accommodations at college
  - Psycho-educational Assessments will be done in Gr11 for preparation
  - up to parents to request this and to keep up-to-date with this documentation
  - for those with Behavioural/Medical IEPs  can apply for OSAP in the category of students with a disability

### Marks Submissions

- marks are sent electronically to both OUAC & OCAS by Vaughan SS based on the following timelines:
  - Gr11 Marks  **early Oct** (*for Early Admissions*)
  - Semester 1 Final Gr12 Marks  **January** (*initial offers*)
  - Semester 2 Mid-Terms Gr12 Marks  **April** (*next round of offers*)
  - Final Gr12 Marks  **June** (*at this time offers can be withdrawn based on final results*)
  - Summer submission (*including YRDSB summer school results*)
    - beware of the "Private School" credits
    - universities are being very selective, and these Private School credits are identifiable on the school transcript and are not always looked on favourably

### Mental Health Concerns

- dealing with the rise in the areas of high stress and unmanageable anxiety on the rise with adolescents and young adults
- read the signs of your child when they are away

### Applying in Canada outside of Ontario, to the US

- the Common Application was due in October for US & International applications

### Advanced Placement Courses

- the AP Exams are ready in July
- Canadian Universities do not consider these credits in the admission process
- US Universities consider these credits more highly in their admission process
- Why AP?
  - some students can use the AP credit to waive their 1<sup>st</sup> year course in that subject area

### Scholarships/Bursaries and other Financial Assistance (will do further presentation in April)

- OSAP has changed under the current provincial gov't □ includes grants & loans
- based on the combined family income; not all families will qualify
- must apply in each year that you are attending
- elimination of the 6 month interest free period after graduation
- an aid estimator is available on the OSAP website to get an idea of money that you might receive
- check out college & university Entrance Scholarships □ these are dependent on admission average
- Important websites:
  - [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
  - [www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com)

### Bursaries

- based on financial needs not academics
- check on the Financial Aid website of each institution

### OYAP Slide

- students get paid as they learn in their final year of high school

## 5. Teacher Report

### **Michelle Best** (Staff Reps)

- Michelle Best was welcomed to the Council by Maria
- Teacher Representatives are an elected position (*by staff*) □ Michelle and Michael Feldbloom will be representing Staff at Council this year
- any issues can be brought to Michelle/Michael to bring back to the Staff

## 6. Principal's Report

**Maria**

### **Maiato** (Principal)

- great feedback from the Wales soccer game
- Vaughan SS won the game ... great spirit

### Vice Principal Report

**Anton Skerritt** (Vice

Principal)

- Anton would like to share the link to information about the upcoming Information about the [SHSM Grade 10 Career Showcase](#) taking place on **Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Adjourned at 8:36<sup>PM</sup>**

Next Meeting: **Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
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