

Council Meeting Minutes- September 25, 2024

The role of the Parent council is to contribute to the goal of student achievement, to inform parents about school details, to assist in raising funds, and to create a platform for positive collaboration.

Attendees- Jennifer Burt, Winnie Ahuja, Marylena Fridman, Julie Falconi, Katharine Vafaei, John Storie, Edina Heder, Dawn Donaldson, Rhonda Steinberg, Michelle Reesor, Jen Lummiss, Asya Waismark, Tanya Boromand, Carolina , Amoy Agyeman and Amy Thacker.

Parent council elections happened.

Chairs: Winnie Ahuja and Katharine Vafaei

Treasurer: Marylena Fridman

Secretary: Julie Falconi

Teacher Representative: John Storie

Community Representative: Rhonda Steinberg

Voting Members: Dawn Donaldson, Jen Lummiss, Asya Waismark, Tanya Boromand, Edina Heder, Michelle Reesor, Amy Thacker and Melissa Mackovski

Principal's report

- Reorganization update. There was a shuffle this year to accommodate new students and even out classes. Students will start in their new classes on Monday.
- Staffing: Sarah Wilkinson, Katie Laking, Christina Sottile, Laura Pizzolon, Robyn Snizetsky, Krista Hilz, Emily Wawryk, Momena Ferdous, Juri Hansen, Jessie Min
- Start-up Activities (bus presentation, CSS presentations, yard reminders)
- Gr. 7 Immunization to take place on Sept 25th
- Open House will take place on Sept 26th
- Terry Fox run will take place Oct 1st
- Photo Day will be Oct 7th
- New: Early Reading Screening (k-2), Ufli
- Hot lunch started with LunchBox *new provider
- Spooktacular will take place on October 29th (Committee: Dawn, Julie and Jen)
- Playdates will be arranged with tentative dates of November and March (Committee: Dawn and Amoy)
- Gift Shop/ Holiday Lunch (Committee: Dawn, Michelle, Julie, Katharine and Tanya) Date to be determined.
- December concert will take place on December 4th and 5th. Committee for the raffle baskets/VIP seating etc. (Winnie, Katharine and Amy)
- School council Fall Forum will take place on October 30th 5:30pm-8:30pm at Newmarket HS
- The PRO Grant application is complete. Paul Davis will visit in February.

Teacher's Report

Music

- Concert Band/Jazz Band will resume this year and Practices have begun.
- Ms. Mitchell is also planning on adding a rock band this year as well as primary involvement perhaps with Ukuleles.
- Winter concerts - The plan is to do what we did last year and have two productions so that we can accommodate more families comfortably. The plan is to run the same fundraising activities and would appreciate the support of the council, they were incredibly helpful last year.
- There is no plan to attend Nationals this year but Mrs. Mitchell is hoping there will be involvement in the "Musicfest" at Canada's Wonderland later this year/or after winter break.
- Bands will be participating in the concerts and learning programs at the SSDS and regionals.
- As always Mrs. Mitchell wants to thank the council for all the continued support and contributions towards the music program

Athletics/Activity Days

- Mrs. Hall is organizing the WHPS Terry Fox run will take place Tues, October 1
- Mr. Ferg has already started up Girls and Boys Volleyball, Games are being held this evening against Oscar Peterson
- Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Storie have started cross country meets three times a week for Junior and Intermediate students. There is a group of 20 to 25 students. Areas for Cross country will take place October 15.

Library

- Mrs. Meyer and Student volunteers have been busy with the first Book Fair. There is potential for an additional book fair in the spring TBD
- Displays for Terry Fox and Day of Reconciliation displays have also been put in the primary hallway and front foyer

Student Council

- More information regarding Student Council initiatives will be forthcoming soon

Happening soon

- The day of Truth and Reconciliation. Visibility day "Orange Shirt" will take place on Monday, Sept 30 2024.
- Respect assembly will be taking place tomorrow.

The next meetings for the year are scheduled as:

Thursday Oct 17, Wednesday Nov 20, Thursday Jan 30, Wednesday March 5, Thursday April 24, Wednesday May 28