

Canterbury High School Council
Minutes of November 8, 2016 Meeting

Present:

Grace Howland (Vice Chair), Bob Cooper, Andrea Cooper, Andrea Kenny, Annette Brown Moore, Lee-Ann Lemyre (Secretary), Leah Campbell, Liane Jelly, Susan Blackmer, Patricia Mosher, Tina LeMoine, Joanne Harvey, Heather Monkman, Heather Vogt, Carolina Munoz (Student Rep), Principal Alan Johnson, Keith MacDonald (Teacher Rep).

7:00 p.m. – Grace Howland, Vice Chair, opened meeting and invited introductions for those present.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Grace Howland):
 - Chair sought comments or additions to agenda. No changes.
 - Minutes of October 11, 2016 were reviewed. No changes.
 - Leah Campbell moved to adopt the minutes without amendments; seconded by Patricia Mosher.

2. School Updates:
 - Student Representative – Carolina Munoz provided an update on the success of the dance and haunted house event held late October. She also mentioned the ‘can drive’ which will start early December. It’s an event held alongside Hillcrest High School where food items are collected for donation to the Adult High School. Advertising for event should be out before end of November. Carolina also mentioned that Music Night will be held one week earlier than in past (December 1st or 2nd) and Oscars will be held in March this year (likely 1st week).

 - Teacher Update (Keith MacDonald)
 - This is a crunch week for teachers, with mid-term marks being submitted by Tuesday next week.
 - November 8th, credit rescue day where teachers and students work together at a special 2 hour session, ensuring any missing key pieces of work are completed. Credit rescue sessions are held several times throughout the school year. 41 students participated at today’s session. Typically a very successful initiative.
 - November 11th, Remembrance Day assembly.
 - November 18th, PA Day.
 - November 22nd, report cards will be issued.
 - November 21st/22nd, DELF testing will take place (held once per semester).
 - December 6th from 7:00-8:30pm, Arts Open House.

- Student Services Update (Keith MacDonald)
 - Last week was 'Take your kids to work day'. Good participation but numbers not yet available.
 - Sources of Strength (SOS) program – a core group of student peers have been trained and are in place to offer peer support.
 - November 14th, USA Arts based university are having a fair in the lobby.
 - Information about various university events can be found by subscribing to @CHS_SS twitter feed.
 - November 19th, Parent Conference – Bridging Home and School. More details available on school website. Event is being held in Barrhaven.
 - November 29th, Last day to drop a course with no disclosure.

- Sports Update (Keith MacDonald)
 - Swim team starting their training.
 - Curling team had their first practice today.
 - Sr. Girls Basketball team in place.
 - Wrestling try outs are underway.

- Principals Report (Alan Johnson) – see attached.
 - Awards night recognized 500 plus students who received honours; of those, 118 were silver medallists. Glitch with food order delivery resulted in donation to an Aboriginal homeless shelter the following day.
 - OSSLT (literacy test) online pilot was not successful due to a malware issues at EQAO (Toronto). Thank you to those students who patiently tried to participate in the pilot.
 - November 1st, Korea delegations visit, looking specifically at media literacy in classroom. Grade 12 4U English Class was engaged in review. Delegation was impressed with what they saw.
 - December 6th Arts Night is for anyone wanting to come to Canterbury for Arts (program showcase).

3. OCASC Report:

- Secondary School Committee now being held same night as OCASC. OCASC meetings will now begin with agenda items affecting both school levels so some attendees can break away for other meeting.
- Next OCASC meeting will include discussion about future prom events (beyond this school year) and school board involvement.
- Open invitation to anyone wishing to attend OCASC meetings. 3rd Thursday of the month is OCASC meeting, held at Fisher Park High School.

4. Questions/Concerns/Comments:

- Questions and discussion about this school year prom and its organization. Some parental concerns raised, some parents interested in being involved to support students organizing event.
- OCDSB plan to take back some responsibility but scope not yet determined and won't be in time for this year's prom event.
- Suggestion was made that perhaps staff would be interested in being invited to prom this year, as was done in past but not recent years.
- Commencement date is June 30th, for graduating grade 12's.
- Inquiry about cafeteria menu – their menus should be put up on website or accessible through a link from CHS website. Principal to follow-up.
- PIN for university submissions are no yet in, principal to look into the situation for update.
- Discussion about extended to immersion offering at Canterbury. Arts students don't have as many electives, so it is challenging to offer program. Suggestion to offer Science and Careers & Civics in French as part of immersion curriculum.
- Request for updated school council information on website, along with addition of council meeting to regular school calendar located on main page of website. Principal and teacher representative (Keith MacDonald) to follow-up.

5. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.

6. Next meeting scheduled for December 13 at 7 p.m.