

**Canterbury School Council
Minutes**

February 21, 2017

PRESENT

Leah Campbell, Ellen Lamarre, Alan Johnson, Keith MacDonald, Joanne Harvey, Carolina Munoz Jasa, Nancy Moloney, Heather Monkman, Susan Blackmer, Lisa Brown, Jean Byrne

1. Introductions made and January minutes approved.
2. School Reports
 - Student Rep
 - Oscars coming in March, tickets sales will begin on 3/3. Students are nominated for various awards and then vote to determine the winners, which are announced at the event. \$10 for assembly (catered food included) and \$2 for the dance which follows. No guests are allowed, so students must bring CHS ID.
 - Council is planning a coffee house to raise money for a new piano, no date selected yet.
 - Teacher Rep :
 - Progress reports will be March 9
 - Fashion show February 23&24
 - Coffee house for Literary program on March 27, 2017
 - Online course selection will occur soon, but a form must be printed out and signed by a parent
 - Successful Gr8 night, combined with Course Pathways, was held. About 80 parents came to the gr 8 night.
 - Question about possibility of having mini-timetable night for 2nd term, although this term already has the course selection night and the Grade 8 night
 - Guidance soliciting parental input for topics to have guest speakers
 - On OCDSB website there is a link with info for Parents on drug issues and resources
 - Examining whether student Agendas are still useful to have, not regularly used by students, but they contain all the important school dates and rules etc. We will continue to use them as cost relatively low due to large order size (1300+ students)
 - Sports- wrestling, speed skating, and XC skiing teams all doing very well
 - For Reach-ahead summer school, students still register for full load of courses in grade 10, receiving an extra credit, as no spare periods in schedule until gr 12. The extra class can be valuable for future option selection, especially in fixed arts timetables

Principal Report

- An inclement weather day occurred during January exams, the communication home was successful
- Several retirements and changes in occasional teaching staff occurred. Ms. Coulas retired after 30 years in the CHS office. There is no office hiring at this time, so internal transfers were made to fill the position for time being
- Ms Makris from guidance did a great job organizing the course pathways info session.
- A new Math strategy is in place, focusing on grade 9 & 10 applied math

- 2 reports are out, for Student Learning, and School Accommodation. At the Committee of Whole with Board of Trustees, the western area accommodation report passed, with some school closures announced. In eastern area, the decision to close Rideau HS will be finalized when the Board votes. Next area for review is AltaVista/Hunt Club, in April/May 2017. Consultations will follow, then decisions in Dec '17/Jan'18, for implementation in September 2018.
- Academic calendar for next year will be out soon
- There are 10 spaces left on the battlefield tour. Mr Saikeley will come to council in future to talk about available trips for next year
- Council bank balance (held with school) is \$2908.69
- DELF French testing dates April 24, 25, 26 for written component. Oral testing done off-site.

OCASC Report

Secondary school committee has amalgamated their meeting night to coincide with the main OCASC meeting, so that members can attend the latter first then break away to meet just with the HS reps. Next meeting is March 27, and they will be looking at organizing guest speakers.

Chair

Discussed the possibility of continuing to sponsor a CHS student for the HOST program, which is a \$1000 commitment. All were in favour of continuing with this donation for the next school year. A vote to spend the money will be taken at a future meeting when a quorum is in attendance.

Questions

A question was asked about accessing EQAO results, which are sent out in summer/fall. Parents and students can ask to see the results. Not all of EQAO testing is used for summative marks.

Next meeting Tuesday April 11, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm