

**Canterbury School Council
Minutes**

May 9, 2017

PRESENT

Leah Campbell, Heather Sweeney, Mel Vaz, Susan Blackmer, Bob and Andrea Cooper, Grace Howland, Liane Jelly, Anita Boassaly, Lisa Brown, Hua Lei, Heather Voigt, Nadine Clarke, Alan Johnson (Principal), Ellen Lamarre (Chair), Keith MacDonald (Teacher), Samuel Champagne, Co-president, Student Council.

1. Minutes of the March meeting moved by Leah Campbell and seconded by Liane and approved

2. School Reports

A. Student Council

Co-president Samuel Champagne

- During May, elections for grades 10, 11, 12, pres. and co-pres. and spirit committee positions will be held and run by the student council.
- The student senator has already been named; Dominic Wood
- Those wishing to run complete an application and resume and get approval from the Principal or Vice-Principal. Applications due May 15.
- There are 4-6 members on the Spirit Committee and students apply as a group. There are spirit practice days so students can see and decide what group they like best.

B. Keith MacDonald – Teacher Rep

- Day with the Director-Keith, the Student Senator and 3 other students will meet with the Education Director to discuss as part of listening to the student voice.
- Upcoming events: Music Night May 11 and 12. Tickets can be purchased on-line.
Dance Night May 25 and 26
Visual Arts Grade 12 exhibit May 31
Arts Fest May 17 is student led

SPORTS

- Girls Varsity soccer progressing well. Girls touch football having fun in the rain! Baseball rained out so may move to tournament format when it reopens.
- Track and Field May 10
- Athletic Banquet June 7

TEACHERS

- School year end approaching fast and summatives coming up. Depending on the subject they can last 3 weeks or 1- 2 days. Summative deadlines are as serious as exams.

STUDENT SERVICE

- Ensure grade 12 students have completed their community hours in order to graduate. Many grad awards can still be applied for - by May 17.

C. Alan Johnson – Principal (see report attached)

- Sports: Touch football, soccer and baseball all affected by the rain.
- Busy with Arts as the semester comes to a close: Drama last week, Music this week, then Dance, Literary Arts and Visual Arts.
- Student Survey started April 24 and now offering the opportunity to compete for those who couldn't go online earlier. 79% have completed the survey.
- Report cards went out April 27
- Six teachers retiring: Steve Willcock, Cia Savage, Jean Bellefleur, Connie St. Louis, Chris Bain and Kim Evans. Interview in progress for headship positions and 2 dance teachers. Caroline McAteer will leave the Arts Co-ordinator role and move to Learning Support Teacher while Dominic Eyamie will be the new Arts Co-ordinator. Vacancies will be filled first through the Board and then external. Erin O'Grady, Vice-Principal will be leaving.
- Student Learning and Accommodation Reviews: Moving to the east end now after completion of the west end. School Board will send out a test message announcing the initial meeting on May 29 at 6:30 pm for Alta Vista / Hunt Club area. The meeting will be about process with no recommendations from staff until September. The text message will also go to the elementary schools feeding into the secondary schools in the superintendency.
- School calendar for next year subject to Ministry approval on dates other than holidays such as PD days.
- Question from last meeting about Saturday language (Heritage Languages) schools. Registration will occur in September.
- Commencement will be on June 30 at the Adult High School to accommodate space and comfort (air conditioning). The capacity is about 1100. Not enough for the 309 graduates to have 3 guests. A waiting list for extra tickets will be set up through school website.

3. OCASC report

- Liane Jelly distributed a flyer for Brookfield High School's Mental Health event on May 16th and the minutes of the Secondary School meeting in February and April.
- Discussion at the secondary school committee in February about S-trip, a company providing trips for students on March Break. One school's Principal sent out an e-mail advising parents that this is not a school sanctioned event and no organizing may be done on school property.
- Discussion about a student's death in South Carleton community and student mental health.
- Suggestion for school councils to involve alumni associations in planning and fundraising.
- In April discussion about the consolidation of schools in the 7 – 12 configurations. Issues included; managing staff with 2 unions, communications to book and share common spaces, librarian teacher who can work with all grades, splitting funds from middle school in the new school, resource sharing, longer council meetings as both middle and high school matters discussed, LINK for transition from grade 8 to 9 and WEBB for transition to grade 7. Schools with the new configuration are Bell, Sir Robert Borden, Earl of March and Merivale. Each school has transition teams and most decisions are made at the local level. West and South Carleton and Lisgar have school sanctioned proms.

4. Chair

- Motion approved to spend \$1000 to sponsor a student at Canterbury, selected by the school administration as part of the HOST program, for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Suggestion to use some of the school council funds to make communications more efficient. Sending emails in packets now limited in numbers. Hua will look into it and report at the next meeting.

5. Accommodation Review

- In a previous review in 2008-2010 it was decided not to close any school in this area but change the process from a piecemeal approach to one that looked at the overall board.
- Secondary School Review looked into French as a Second Language, Hubs, Configurations, IB program, Technology, transportation and transfer for Specialist High Skills Major program and Arts Canterbury. No change to the district arts program other than increasing literary arts numbers. A framework to conduct accommodations review was developed and in the East end, Colonel By, Rideau and Gloucester were reviewed. It was decided to close Rideau. In the west end, Sir Robert Borden, Merivale, Woodroffe and Bell were reviewed and it was decided to close elementary schools, add the IB program option to Merivale (subject to the IB approval) and make Sir Robert Borden and Bell 7-12 schools.
- Taking a pause to assess how the process works before conducting the review for Hunt Club/Alta Vista. In April will start with how the process works before making recommendations. Liane, Lisa and Hua will attend the May 29th meeting as Canterbury reps.

Questions:

- As part of Canterbury French immersion option, French will be offered in grade 9 math next year and grade 10 in 2018. Also Civic and Careers in 2018.
- Prom is not a school sanctioned event.

Next meeting June 12, 2017 19:00

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.