

Canterbury High School Council
Minutes of January 17, 2017 Meeting

Present:

Ellen Lamarre (Chair), Grace Howland (Vice Chair), Lee-Ann Lemyre (Secretary), Principal Alan Johnson, Keith MacDonald (Teacher Rep), Samuel Champagne (Student Rep), Liane Jelly, Susan Blackmer, Joanne Harvey, Heather Monkman, Heather Vogt, Hua Lei, Genera Bellini, Sharon Von Schoenberg, Heather Sweeney, Miao Wang, Torg Xn, Cathryn Taubman, Anita Boassaly, Lisa Brown, Tim Hore, Amina Farah, Bob Cooper, Andrea Cooper.

7:00 p.m. – Ellen Lamarre, Chair, opened meeting and invited introductions for those present.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Ellen Lamarre):

- Chair sought comments or additions to agenda. No changes.
- Minutes of October 11, 2016 were reviewed. No changes.
 - Hua Lei moved to adopt the minutes without amendments; seconded by Liane Jelly.

2. School Updates:

- Student Representative – Samuel Champagne reported on the success of the Food Bank ‘can drive’ which brought in over 10,100 cans over a 2-week period, beating last year’s record. Pizza parties were held for the winning classes, one for each grade level. A reminder that Oscars are being held on Friday March 3rd this year. It’s the largest student council event, taking place in the auditorium after school hours. The CHS Oscars are for Canterbury students, all grades and programs included. There is a limited number of tickets for the event, which will be available for purchase at the cafeteria about 2 weeks in advance of the Oscars. Ticket prices will be approximately \$10, and will include food at the event. Student Council is currently looking into food options, taking into consideration feedback received from previous years. Students who are nominated for awards by their peers will know in advance; all voting takes place in the classroom.
- Teacher Update (Keith MacDonald) :
 - After school credit rescue session was held on Monday, 16 Jan 3.30 to 5.30 to help students with overdue assignments or those who need extra help in a particular subject.
 - Gr 9 Math EQAO being held on Thu and Fri (19 & 20 Jan)
 - Next Mon (23 Jan) is last day of classes, exams begin Tue (24 Jan) and run for 4 days.
 - If “snow day” during exams (i.e. buses cancelled) then the schedule from that day onwards will be delayed/pushed back by one day. An exam which would have been

pushed to Monday, 30 Jan will be held on Tuesday, 31 Jan. (30 Jan is a PA day. Can't hold exam then.)

- Semester 2 starts Tue, 31 Jan, marks due 07 Feb and report cards will be issued: 15 Feb
- 17Feb is a PA day leading into the long weekend
- Student Services:
 - 01 Feb: OCAS (college) appl'n deadline. Univ appl'n deadline has already passed.
 - 02 Feb @ 19:00 Grade 8 Info Night/OSSLT Info Night (Erin O'Grady)/Course Selection Info for parents. Info will go home via Synervoice (sp?)
 - Course selection assembly for students is also scheduled for that day
 - Time to start thinking about funding for post-secondary
 - Links to scholarship info available @ Student Services website.
 - Also follow @chs_ss on twitter for tweets re: scholarship info
 - Students should also contact/research the financial aid offices of the particular unis that they are considering
 - OSAP has changed considerably this year. Funding is considerably more generous. Families below a certain income level (\$50K?) will qualify for full OSAP coverage and the proportion of that amount that is grant (vs loan) has increased
 - There's a calculator at the OSAP website that will help you understand the amounts one would qualify for and the mix of loan/grant based on family income
 - Link Crew: Steep & Study sessions all this week to help students prep for exams. Peer helpers will be available to help students study and get organized to study
 - Wed during exam week: Bell Canada "Let's Talk" mental health initiative. SoS (Sources of Strength) is supporting this by providing hot beverages that day before exam
 - Sports- Ongoing: B& G curling, swimming, Sr G vBall, Jr B vBALL, X-country skiing, Badminton,
 - Wrestling: v. successful
 - Boy's curling performing at the OFSAA level
- Principals Report (Alan Johnson) – see attached.
 - End of February course selections will be due, for September 2017. It's important that choices be made and submitted before the deadline to ensure students secure their courses. The Reach Ahead registration doesn't take place until sometime in May.
 - Funding options for college and university expenses – a number of resources are available to assist students in finding suitable scholarships for which they can apply. Students can work with Student Services, and consult the CHS website and twitter account for updates. Parent discussion ensued around the importance of apply for OSAP, even if student doesn't qualify as some university use the OSAP application as a trigger for campus job opportunities, etc.
 - Exams – students can request to see their exam with their teacher. They can also find out their overall course make prior to exam, by asking their teacher.

- Grad photos are being taking on February 21st this year and there will be a sign-up for students.
- An update on follow-up items from the last council meeting has been deferred to next month. 1) Corporate logo on school portraits 2) Exterior lighting of school driveway/loop

3. OCASC Report (Liane Jelly):

- 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.
- Discussion about school involvement in future proms. Merivale is recommending that students work with their schools for sanctioned proms. Some schools are already doing this. There will be no school involvement in Prom after parties.
- Student fees – trying to gauge how it's working and how many fees are being asked for. The process and amount is difference from school to school.
- Alumni – looking to gather information on the number of school alumni are working with school councils, committees and schools, etc.
- Fundraising – looking to also gather information on fundraising events that take place at the various schools.
- Open invitation to anyone wishing to attend OCASC meetings. 3rd Thursday of the month is OCASC meeting, held at Fisher Park High School with a 7 p.m. start time. There are currently 26 high schools in our board and approximately half of the schools are represented at OCASC. Minutes are shared and can be made available to CHS school council.

4. Questions/Concerns/Comments:

- Questions and discussion about the Battlefield Trip (Europe). Mr. Saikley organizes the trip and has been involved for many years. He works with students early for planning. The trip takes place every second year.
- Mini-Enrichment program at Carleton University was raised. Involves students being away from their classes for a 1 week period. Carleton and Ottawa U websites can be consulted for more information.
- Parent brought an edition of 'Teen Ink' and provided copies for school to review. It's a US based magazine that showcases high school student art including, poems, stories, drawings and so on. A subscription to the magazine is available for a fee. For more information visit their website.
- Parents asked if a prom update could be given at the next council meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.

6. Next meeting scheduled for February 21st at 7 p.m.