

Canterbury High School Council
Minutes of April 17, 2017 Meeting

Present: Grace Howland (Vice Chair), Lee-Ann Lemyre (Secretary), Principal Alan Johnson, Carolina Munoz Jasa (Student Rep), Mr. Saikley (teacher), Joanne Harvey, Heather Monkman, Neil Monkman, Hua Lei, Cathryn Taubman, Anita Boassaly, Lisa Brown, Amina Farah, Pereita Theodore, David Saikaley, Annette Moore, Diane Glauser, Leah Campbell.

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.
 - Lee-Ann Lemyre moved to adopt agenda without amendments; seconded by Heather Monkman.
- Previous minutes were reviewed. No changes.
 - Neil Monkman moved to adopt the minutes without amendments; seconded by Lee-Ann Lemyre.

2. School Updates:

- Student Representative – Carolina Munoz Jasa provided an update on the success of the Oscars night, held in March. There was a good turnout, and not much left over food. All in all a successful event. Student Council currently working on elections for next year's student council members. There will be a piano fundraiser planned for June, which will take place outside. Spirit Week (Pride) will be held towards the end of May. Pink Shirt day announcement went out over the intercom this week.
- Teacher Update – Mr. MacDonald not available for this evening
- Principals Report (Alan Johnson) – see attached.
 - OCDSB Student Learning and Student Accommodation Planning Multi-Year Plan – there was more elaboration and discussion on this item. More information is available through the Board website.
 - Mr. Johnson, with counterparts from other schools, visited Chengdu Yulin High School(China) during March Break, exchanging knowledge and best practices.
 - Grads this year will be able to keep their graduation gowns and caps, as part of the \$20 fee requested for those interested in having a cap and gown.

3. OCASC Report - Liane Jelly was absent this evening therefore no update available

4. Student Trips – Mr. Saikaley

- Battlefields trip 2018 – 38 of 40 available spots are already filled. Planning process typically begins 15 months in advance of departure. Places visited include Paris, Normandy (WW2), Vimy Ridge (WW1), Coast to Chunnel, Canterbury English. The trip takes place 3 days prior to March Break; cost is \$4,100 per person. A representative from Explorica joins the group while travelling. The curriculum for this trip is tied to Grade 10 history. Teacher/student ratio is 1 to 6.
- German Exchange happens every two years. Students from Canterbury and Hillcrest participate. A Hillcrest initiative, it is organized by two retired teachers, and has been running for 20 years. It's a 2 week exchange with an all-girls Catholic school in Bonn. End of September we host German students, then in March we go there. Students stay with exchange students' families. Cost is \$2,700. It is a cultural exchange, a push for national education. Not sure if the program will be able to continue, but if so, next trip is 2019.
- Service trip to India (MetoWe) next year by Social Science and Math/Link Crew teacher. This trip is meant to develop social justice understanding. The goal is to have students develop action plans on how they can further contribute to social justice. The trip provides both cultural and historical elements. Cost is \$6,000 and time away counts towards volunteer community of 15 hours. Some fundraising takes place to offset costs. A maximum of 18 students can participate (10 spots have already been filled).
- Canterbury participates in many other away trips, which are curriculum specific (i.e., Dance students offered travel to New York City, Business students travel to Toronto, Drama students travel to Stratford and so on).
- Age and grade restrictions are in place for some of the trips mentioned, specifically the international ones. For more information contact david.saikaley@ocdsb.ca
- Some trips described above can count towards some elements of the International Certificate Program (ICP) in the areas of foreign language, international course work and international experience and engagement. More information about the ICP can be found on the OCDSB website at <http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/int/Pages/icp.aspx>

5. Questions/Concerns/Comments:

- Request contact information for ski trip cancellations, also question about any refunds coming back to students due to cancelled ski dates. Mr. Johnson indicated refunds would be coming and should be out soon.
- Questions and discussion about the school schedule and if there could be options for a 1-2-3-4, 4-3-2-1 period scheduling. This would allow for more variety in the schedule rather than the current. Mr. Johnson indicated that it is not possible due to the impact on buses, scheduling of teachers and it would interfere with co-op program for the senior students.

6. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.

7. Next meeting scheduled for May 9th at 7 p.m.