

Canterbury High School Council
Minutes of December 13, 2016 Meeting

Present:

Ellen Lamarre (Chair), Leah Campbell, Joanne Harvey, Grace Howland (Vice Chair), Geneva Bellini, Hua Lei, Heather Monkman, Nancy Maloney, Heather Sweeney, Carolina Munoz Jasa (Student Rep), Principal Alan Johnson, Keith MacDonald (Teacher Rep).

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 November 13, 2016 were reviewed and approved. No changes.

2. School Updates:
 - Student Representative – Carolina Munoz Jasa provided an update on the canned food drive, an event held alongside Hillcrest High School where food items are collected for donation to the Adult High School. As well as food items, gently used toys, books and clothing are accepted. Class reps reminded students this week as donations to date not high. The event is ongoing until Dec 16 when the donations will be picked up. Oscars Night is March 3, 2017. The student council is considering dividing awards into Junior and Senior categories so Junior students have more opportunity to receive awards. Cost and ticket details for the Oscars are not yet worked out; usually information and tickets are available around 2 weeks in advance.

 - Teacher Update (Keith MacDonald)
 - Credit rescue session held Dec 13
 - Inclement weather days – there have been 2 already this winter – school remains open, academics continue, although sometimes curtailed
 - Christmas Blockbuster Assembly (Talent Show)- staff and students- Dec 23
 - Final exams are last week of January with three day turn around til start of next semester. Exams are not returned to students but are kept for one year then shredded. Requests may be made to see an exam
 - Courses now focussing on summative projects through to semester's end
 - Gr 12 students should pick up PIN numbers for OUAC if they've not already done so. OUAC is on holiday/reduced hours over the break
 - Appl'n deadline is on 11 Jan - 2 days after our return from the break
 - The college appl'n deadline is 01 Feb
 - Post-secondary visits are now complete.
 - Nominations for Schulich Leader scholarships (large \$ awards) due 10 Jan

- 2nd semester night school registrations will begin on 23 January
- Student Services wants to remind you that the Holiday season is a good opportunity for students to get some Community Service hours. (Check with guidance to make sure that they are *applicable*)
- Sources of Strength training took place since our last meeting. It went well and the team has been out doing random acts of kindness in the school community.
- Students and parents should remember that this is a tough time of year.
- Lots of students are feeling stretched thin

- Sports Update (Keith MacDonald)
 - Wrestling is going well. 1 tournament so far.
 - Swimming and rowing (indoor) under way
 - Nordic ski up and running. In practice mode at the moment.
 - Jr boys basketball going
 - Sr girls volleyball is currently undefeated
 - In curling we're in the middle of the pack
 - Staff vs. Students intramural:
 - Tied in dodgeball
 - Floor hockey next Thursday
- Principal's Report (Alan Johnson) – see attached.
 - Classes held in portables often move indoors on inclement weather days.
 - Student learning and accommodation plan yet to be started for Hunt Club and Alta Vista areas.
 - No changes in financial accounts.
 - The school cafeteria menu is now available on the school website; a debit-like card can be obtained for cafeteria purchases.
 - If there is an inclement weather day during the January exam period the exam schedule will change. Cancellation and rescheduling information will be communicated by radio, e-mail and voicemail message.
- Chair's items
 - Chair Ellen Lamarre proposed re-scheduling the Feb 14, 2017 school council meeting to Feb 21. This was agreed.
 - Efforts continue to post more school council information on the school website. In the past, a team of 3 volunteers helped with this task.
 - Keith MacDonald offered to post pdf files.
 - It was observed that there is lots of outdated information on the website. Council members should let Keith know of outdated information that is noticed. It was agreed to remove school council links to outdated information on the website, and to post dates and minutes of council meetings.

3. OCASC Report: there was no OCASC report this month.
4. Questions/Concerns/Comments:
 - A question was raised about improving lighting on the school driveway – it is very dark. Principal Johnson to look into this.
 - Are there grad shirts? A: Yes, the grad committee does a shirt.
 - Observation that school photos have a small logo of the photo company. Some may find this undesirable. It is the same provider for grad photos. Answer: Staff will talk to the photo provider about leaving off the logo.
 - Question and discussion about current issues between the school transportation authority (OSTA) and OC Transpo regarding increase in student bus pass prices. The transportation authority determines the best option for students living outside a 3.2 km radius of the school. Yellow buses for Canterbury pick up at centralized locations. OSTA get their funding from the provincial Ministry.
 - A question was raised on whether summer school credits from other Boards are recognized? A: Yes, it's possible, as long as the credit is acknowledged by the province.
5. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.
6. Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 7 p.m.