

**Humberview Secondary School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24th, 2013 at 7:00pm**

Attendees: Marie VanderDoelen, Linda Cannon, Barb Cyr, Lianne Huff, Marg Jones, Shannon Brillinger, Jayne Saylis, Heather Elliott, Karen MacDonald, Marilyn Matis, Julie Cullen, Barb Reynolds, Cathy Mackenzie, Meredith Taylor, Lyn Knuff, SAC Co-Presidents Reid and Stefano, School Council Chair Jan McFadyen, Principal Rick Tredwell, Guidance Department Head Doug Maskell

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair of the Council welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new school year and each person introduced themselves to the group.

2. The agenda was reviewed; no changes were made.

3. SAC Report – Co-Presidents Reid and Stefano

Terry Fox Fundraiser – Friday, September 27, 2013

- students have been collecting pledge money – goal is \$15,000 – and will walk through the neighbourhood, followed by a BBQ and carnival

SAC Upcoming Dates

- information about SAC activities is put on facebook and twitter
- pajama day (October 9), costume day (October 31), national heritage day (February 22)

Semi-Formal

- scheduled for December 17 at the Royal Ambassador

4. Principal's Report – Rick Tredwell

Past

- Over 800 students pre-registered during the last week of August; over 600 students and parents attended the two grade 9 assemblies
- Approximately 700 Peel board Administrators attended "Starting Point" meeting with Director Tony Pontes; keynote speaker – Educational expert Michael Fullan

Present

- All committees and fall sports teams are up and running
 - All Peel Board students and employees now have access to Office 365 and "the cloud"
 - Grade 9 "Great Start" was run on the first day of school for 300 grade 9 students with the help of 94 senior student mentors
 - 12 new teachers are included in the staff of 70 to meet the education needs of our 1138 students
 - The garden out front, which includes the memorial stone, is nearing completion
- Fred Fox, brother of Terry Fox, visited the school and talked to students about Terry's dream and the fundraising that has happened over the past 30 year.

- School Maintenance - lights in the school are in the process of being replaced; new sawdust collector installation is almost complete

5. Upcoming Dates

October 10 – progress reports distributed

October 11/14 – no classes

October 17 – University Fair at St. Michael’s for Humberview/St.Michael’s students and parents

October 23 – Supporting Positive School Climate meeting hosted by Stan Cameron

October 24 – Humberview SS parents night

October 29 – Humberview SS School Council meeting

November 6 – Grade 9 Take Your Child To Work Day

November 7 – Pathways to the Future Information Night, hosted by School Council

November 9 – North Peel Education Fair at Harold Brathwaite SS

November 21 – Mental Health Information Night, hosted by School Council

November 28 – Peel Board “Great Start” School Council Information Night

6. School Council Election

Chair - Two nominations for this position were received before the meeting, with one being rescinded. No further nominations were received at the meeting; Jan McFadyen was acclaimed as Chair of the School Council.

Vice Chair – One nomination for this position was received before the meeting. No further nominations were received at the meeting; Barb Cyr was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the School Council.

Secretary – No nominations for this position were received before the meeting. No further nominations were received at the meeting; Lyn Knuff agreed to take on this position and was acclaimed as Secretary of the School Council.

7. Questions / Comments

When the class is using an on-line textbook, why are no hardcopies of textbooks available to students, upon request?

When using new, on-line textbooks, it may be that the school has no stock of the book or no hardcopy of the book has ever been printed. Textbooks may be available for purchase on-line at amazon.ca or at the “Teacher Supply Store”, located at 780 Burnhamthorpe Road in Mississauga (near Mavis).

Are agendas provided to the students?

No agendas have been provided this year since historically, the students were not using them.

What are the registration fees for?

\$30 for grade 9 goes to the "Great Start" program
\$30 for grade 12 goes towards graduation costs
\$30 goes toward student activities, including guest speakers, Me to We
\$20 goes toward communication, including the yearbook
\$10 goes toward communication, including mail, the electronic school sign, synervoice telephone system

Will the cafeteria be getting a microwave oven for student use?

The availability of a commercial microwave oven will be assessed.

Have scores for last year's literacy test been received yet?

Scores were received this week; test scores were maintained overall, compared to last year. Results will go home to students who wrote the test this spring with the October 10 progress reports.

Are class mark averages reviewed by Administration?

Class scores are reviewed twice per semester by Administration, and more frequently when requested by staff. It has been found that, when comparing class averages over a number of years, the class median is relatively stable and close to the 70% goal, as set out by the Ministry of Education.

Is there an email address that the school and the School Council use?

The school does not have an email address that is regularly checked. Leaving a message at the school is the best option (905 857-0771). The School Council email is thehumberviewss.council@peelsb.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting of the School Council will be on October 29th, at 7:00 pm.