

Humberview Secondary School – School Council

September 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Sue Fried, Adriana Snell, Sarah Muma, Sharda Pantin, Meredith Taylor, Jackie Fraser, Kyle Dicks, Domenic Perricone, Carolyn Morris, Heather Patterson, Nina Ricci, Felicia Akinremi, Linmareen Sewell, Carrie Anderson

- Welcome: Sharda Pantin welcomed everyone to the new school year.
- Report from Teacher: Adriana Snell
 1. Grade 12 students have received a notice that outlines all of the upcoming university/college fairs and the application deadlines, this can also be found in the guidance office
 2. The Breakfast Club is up and running again and serves approximately 130 students every day. Parent volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up from 7:45-8:30 each week day. They are also looking for donations of fruit, crackers, healthy granola bars, grocery cards and money. Please call the school and ask for Paskalina if you are able to help out or donate.
 3. The Terry Fox Run happening Friday, September 28, with hopes to raise \$15,000.00
 4. The Remembrance Day Assembly will be happening Friday, November 9. The ceremony will be livestreamed from 8:30-9:30 and 10:00-11:00. If anyone has any Remembrance Day photos or stories that could be shared in the slideshow, please contact the school.

- Report from Student (SAC): Sarah Muma reported on behalf of the Student Activity Council
 1. This year the elections for SAC were held in September. There is an executive council of 15 students; 5 are from grades 9-10 and 10 are from grades 11-12. The yearly planning is still being determined
 2. SAC is responsible for the junior and senior semi-formal dances, Spirit Days, monthly theme days. This year there will be an increased focus on how to reach out to all of the student body
- Report from Principal
 1. Staffing – we are up 6 teachers from last year – the final hire was later in Sept. The student body is 1342, up from 1280 last year
 2. Challenges –
 - a. bussing was a bit of a challenge this year as several of the French Immersion and Extended French students were not picked up by the system. This will be rectified for next Sept.
 - b. we have a new bus company and we are learning about what they can and cannot provide for us.
 - c. At the start of school we had several altercations that were unrelated. I discovered that we have grade 9 students coming from over 50 different

grade 8 schools (usually we have about 25) and more that 30 new students in grades 9-12 from all across Ontario. We have settled down now. We have increased the training for our students for Anti-Bullying through both the Region of Peel and the Red Cross.

- d. There is a distinct increase in vaping at school and we are working on plans to stop students from vaping in the change rooms and washrooms. The issue is that the smoke detectors do not pick up the steam emitted, however, the vape is usually flavoured and so the washrooms smell like blueberries!
 3. Construction – the Track and Field is on track to be completed at the end of October and the paving has been completed. There are no plans for any further large construction jobs.
 4. The Board focus for 2018-19 is Equity, Empowering Modern Learners and Engage Math. We have Committees in each of these areas looking at Mental Health / School Climate / Learning Culture for students and teachers for Equity; Assessment and Evaluation – specifically Informative Assessment and Final Evaluations and; students empowerment / voice and choice as well as increasing the cross-discipline work between teachers and part of our EML goal.
- Election: At the October meeting, October 30th, 2018, we will be looking for a co-chair as well as secretary and parent reps for the coming school year. If you are interested, please come to the meeting and indicate your interest. As always, all parents are always welcome to attend any school council meeting. It is a great opportunity to find out what is going on at the school.
 - Parents Reaching Out Grant: we have not yet had notice if our proposal has received funding for this year. The focus of the proposal was mental health.
 - Next meeting: Tuesday, October 30th, 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons