

**APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2019**

**ATTENDEES: Greg Pearson, Catherine Ip, Lucie Zima, Melissa Barron, Rose De Luca, Niraj Mehta,
Gabrielle Balchand, Oksana Koval, Wayne Beckles, Karen Evans, Mike Harris,
Narayan Gangalaramsamy**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: 7:05pm Catherine Ip

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 27, 2019: Lucie Zima, Seconded by Niraj Mehta.

STUDENTS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL UPDATE: No one in attendance.

Teacher Rep: Caroline Hamilton

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Student Administrative Council:

- 2 new staff sponsors for SAC group. New teachers to Applewood. Working very hard, SAC lead by President, Amani. October 4 Club Fair. Showcasing clubs available to join. Establishing a super council where club members are part of it and making contributions. Ideas-student fundraising, Terry Fox coming up, last week did Dorian fundraiser, Spanish club barbecue, semi formal, local fundraising, potential with new peel learning foundation.

Principal's Update

- World of Wow orientation for new comers to country. Many students participated. First time students in Canada with Peel board.
- Link Crew version 2, grade 9 orientation program, lessons learned. This year was improved, snap chat group chat created. Many events planned throughout the year, more students involved and teachers involved.
- Spanish club barbeque was a success.
- National Anthem Policy-do consider student voice and allow students to make informed choices. Following rules, i.e. hoods and hats off.
- Land acknowledgement, recognize that we are in the land of the credit first nation- indigenous people. Various versions of national anthem played on rotation. Cree, French and English.
- Updated the school values – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Three R's , Respect, Responsibility and Relationships and meshes with board initiatives.
- Universal Design for Learning- normalization of different ways of learning.
- Pre-registration days are valuable. Enables school to understand population and done outside of regular school days. It helps with establishing numbers in enrolment.
- We have matched our target of enrolment and exceeded by 7 students. Not losing any staff this year.
- 141 students on Visas. Hosting 12 Chinese principals and vice principals next week to see school. Getting ideas for class sizes.

- 72 teaching staff, 5 admin, 3 guidance
- 96 % success rate for academic students in osslt
- 61% applied for ELL and special education combined. Focused interventions for students who may require assistance

Applewood Heights Updates

- Anthem
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YIntbTzn2HSwFljaavNZyJPo6Uk9hJ6o>
- School Values
 - DEI - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XJQrsOoKpBfH2Y0nGPJ0J8PMZ6G7gpKR>
 - Road Map - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1U90hIT5-h5SMcTcS-g3yuo9DSkDZ1R1v>
- Pre-registration (800 Students)
- Late Registration (350 Students in under 2.5 hrs)
- Enrollment - 1216
- VISA - 141
- Staffing
- OSSLT Results
- Renovated pond/waterfall
- Fish Tank
- Expanded Contact Room
- Gym floors
- Main Office
- Student Vote
- Floor Tile Replacement
- Brightspace/D2L
- Tomken Lot
- PNS - Outdoor Learning Space, Outdoor physyed equipment, Creative learning space
- Parents' Night

Upcoming dates:

- Annual Awards - This Thursday
- Terry Fox - Wed, Sept 25, Fourth Period
- Comedy Sketch, Wed 25?
- Orange Shirt Day - This Friday
- Progress Reports - Oct 12
- Student Vote - Oct 17
- Grade 8 Student/parent Info night - Nov 7

Chair Update -Catherine Ip

School council has to prepare annual report (teachers breakfast and parent night with Joe Rich) and circulate to all parents

Principal and VP consultation done annually- meeting in November on the 4th. Wish list of what qualities you look for in Principal and VP.

Elections – Catherine and Niraj were co-chairs, Rose, secretary. Treasurer not necessary as there are no funds. We do apply for a grant each year which funds our parents night.

Secretary – Melissa Barron

Co Chair – Catherine Ip, Karen Evans (confirming next week)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:55p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 2019.

Minutes Prepared by: Rose De Luca