

## School Council Minutes – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. Opening Remarks from Chair:
  - School Council plays an important role in coming together as a community. Together, we can bring in guest speakers and help assist with clubs and activities.
  - Chair is always available to answer questions from parents.
  - Introductions by Chair, Principal, and Staff Representative.
2. Approval of the Agenda – Passed
3. Elections:
  - Chair provided a description of the roles on School Council.
  - Melanie Nicholson was named Chair for the 2019/2020 school year.
  - All other positions remained unfilled.
  - Update: At the end of the meeting, Shondie MacKenzie was named as Secretary.
4. SAC Presidents:
  - Student Council Presidents Sahir Bandali and Zaina Azhar introduced themselves and presented on the role of SAC within the school.
  - They spoke about events and activities that are planned throughout the year.
  - In discussion, School Council offered support for events throughout the year, and were invited to the Ice Cream Social.
  - School Council asked about the possibility of hosting a dance this year, and the SAC indicated that they are exploring that option and if anybody on School Council knows of a venue that would be cost effective, to let them know. SAC wants to ensure that the price point for a semi-formal would be inclusive of all students within the building.
  - School Council offered parental support and SAC will reach out if needed.
  - A discussion was also had of the physical layout of the Ice Cream Social and if the Cafeteria could be less congested. Staff Representative discussed how the display tables are being moved around this year to accommodate the congestion that happened in the past.
5. Principal's Report:
  - Principal delivered his report.
  - Discussed Re-Org and process. Staffing will remain status quo this year.
  - Discussed Sporting Events & Clubs and the wide variety that is being offered this year.
  - Discussed Physical Plant and the exceptional work the custodians did to prepare the building for the start of the school year.
  - Also discussed two concerns from the school;
    1. the flow of traffic and the need to be safe as the community becomes accustomed to the new design of the parking lot. Community members are asked to be cautious as they drive through the parking lot in high traffic times.
    2. The townhouse complex next door and community members dropping their children off in that complex and speeding. Discussed road congestion and

construction of roads and pathway. More communication will be made to students and families to try and avoid using this area to drop off their children. Principal will also reach out to SRO's and request that they check on this area and educate the students on respectable behaviour in the community.

- Physical Plant: Principal requested support for plans to improve the physical plant. School Council agreed and would like to see improvements to the building. Specifically, a ceiling mounted projector in the cafeteria, a shot clock in the gym to accommodate students playing at a Tier 1 level, and finally some collaborative desks within the front foyer and cafeteria to alleviate some of the concerns of students needing additional spaces to work, (now with the introduction of e-learning courses), and spaces that encourage collaboration and group work with the means to charge their laptops. This would meet the needs of the IB students within the building and the requirements of the IB program.

6. Principal/Vice-Principal Profile:

- Principal excused himself while the School Council completed the Principal/Vice-Principal profile.
- Profile was placed in a sealed envelope and forwarded to the Superintendent of Education.

7. Any Other Business?

- Parents and/or Guardians provided their contact information.
- List to be provided to Chair of School Council.