

## Parent Council Meeting - September 27, 2021

- 1) The meeting started with Elections of council for 2021 for a) Chair b) Vice Chair c) Co-chairs d) OCASC rep e) Treasurer f) Secretary. Following are the people appointed to above positions:
  - a) Co-chairs: David and Ram
  - b) OCASC rep: Tom
  - c) Secretary: Naveenta
  - d) Treasurer: David
- 2) David Barron took over and presented the agenda
- 3) Jerry Zhang (Student Senator 2021-22) a grade 12 student gave a report about events such as spirit week, welcome back lunch event, morning announcement, grade 9 rep elections, club fair, club meetings. Faye Hughson confirmed that the Intermediate student council is being formed as we speak.
- 4) Steve Collins gave a report for the Secondary school side. He encouraged parents to check the website often and twitter accounts. He mentioned there is a student handbook that was created this year. Enrollment is about 1360 on the secondary side (largest in the school board), included are 31 secondary international students. New Superintendent is Susan McDonald. As of July 2021, Faye Hughson is permanent vice Principal for Intermediate school. On September 23, the Director of Education visited the Earl of March. Also there will not be a secondary progress report issued this school year. The midterm and final report schedule will stay the same. Parent teacher interviews are on Nov 25 via google meet. Grade 12 students don't have to do a literacy test this year. Grade 10 and Grade 11 will still do the test. Grade 12 students need 20 community hours to graduate. For everyone else they need 40 hours over 4 years. There is a new anonymous reporting tool in place called "OCDSB cares" that will be monitored by a live operator through texting/web chat. It's not a counselling service and does not replace the guidance department. This tool would allow students to report any concerns they have about safety, health and wellness for themselves or others. There are 23 portables this year. There is a lot of traffic in the morning and afternoon. There are 2 staff members outside everyday to monitor the situation. Also, sports will start this semester on the secondary side.
- 5) Faye Hughson gave a report for the Intermediate school side. She reported that mask outside for recess is optional. Students are allowed to use school provided equipment so they don't need to bring their own equipment. Google classrooms are updated daily. Enrollment is about 598 and there are 34 staff members. Student handbook is on the Intermediate school website.
- 6) Melanie Gavan (Intermediate teachers rep) gave a report on the previous week's Terry fox run. The school is getting ready for Truth and Reconciliation week. Meet the teacher on the following wednesday. Chess club coming up soon.
- 7) Nancy Watzenboeck (Secondary teachers rep) gave a report on Tennis, Volleyball, Hockey, Running club. Library is open. Ms Johnstone is going to be doing a workshop to develop paraphrasing. There will be a virtual book club.

- 8) Megan Cornell gave an update. She asked for feedback on the school website (school announcement page). She is going to follow up with the school trustee and school board.
- 9) There was feedback from one of the parents about how the school photographer selected photographs each year. There were a few complaints from parents hence the query.
- 10) Next meeting on October 25, 2021.