

October parent council meeting minutes

- 1) David Barron encouraged everyone to stay on camera. He reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Everyone accepted the agenda.
- 2) Naveenta Anand reviewed last month's minutes. There were a few recommendations for edits, other than that the minutes were accepted.
- 3) Jerry Zhang (student senator) gave a student report. They are trying to move virtual clubs to in-person. School band is happening in person. In Early October grade 9 reps were chosen. Virtual club fair was held and was well received. Virtual club link is on google classroom and slides are on the school website. Second spirit week (halloween) is coming up. Town hall with the Principal is coming up on Nov 4th. They are trying to build a better connection with grade 7/8. First senate meeting was last Thursday (meet and greet).
- 4) Adrienne Creighton (Intermediate teacher, SST lead at school for intermediate) said a few words about the SST program. She gave a presentation on student well being measures, focus on mental health, Xello and transition training, student council. SST lead for secondary side is Bobby Howe as a note.
- 5) Steve Collins gave a Principal report. The OCDSB cares tool is out for use. It works via texting or a webchat. Work is being done in front of the school, new benches have been installed and new banners will be put around the logo. Visual arts/History students are placing portraits of Canadian influencers in the school. Extracurricular activities, sports (10 in total) on secondary side will be published on the website. Tomorrow all staff will be completing the mandatory annual concussion awareness training. Some important dates:
 - a) November 3: Take kids to school day for grade 9
 - b) November 12: PA day for Intermediate and Secondary
 - c) November 16-19: Literacy test for grade 11 students
 - d) November 23: Mid term marks will be sent home
 - e) November 23: PT interviews for secondary
- 6) Faye Hughson gave a Vice Principal report. Teachers have been focusing on progress reports on November 4th. Parents need an OEN number to access the report. Parent Teacher interviews are on November 10th via google meets. All elementary students upto grade 8 have to stay in their class cohorts during recess. Everyone is encouraged to visit grade 7/8 intermediate website. It is regularly updated. Library is open but modified. Grade 7/8 go to library on schedule and books are delivered on a schedule.
- 7) Melanie Gavan (Intermediate) gave a staff report. Truth and reconciliation day was held on September 30th. They placed symbolic ribbons, played music, read books and had discussions all day long. It was a meaningful day. A couple of friendly competitions are coming up like the virtual science competition. English grade 8 classes have been making water filters. School purchased a license for a chess program. Intermediate art club (virtual) is going on right now. There are over 60 members.
- 8) Nancy Watzenboeck (Secondary) gave a staff report. Truth and reconciliation day was observed on September 30th. Under athletics we have had tennis, soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis (for tennis they participated in a 2 day tournament). Library received a Canadian war museum first hand box, and some great pictures were found. Students

have been getting a door to door service for books. There is a book club in place.
Anyone looking for more information can find it on the website.

- 9) Thomas Halloway (OCASC rep) has had two meetings so far.
- 10) Ram (co-chair) gave a tech policy review. He will fill out a form for appropriate use of technology/network on schools behalf.
- 11) Dave asked for people's email id who want to be included in the council email list.
- 12) There are questions about the council's constitution, basically taking existing constitution and reading it, bringing questions. Dave asked for volunteers. The people who raised their hands to volunteer were Tom, Shannon, Melissa and Naveenta. Melissa will initiate the discussion and get this going.