

## **Earl of March School Council Meeting**

**Monday, May 30, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

**Via Google Meet**

**Attendees:** Melissa Adams, Anthony Anderson, David Barron, Catherine Birch, Steve Collins, Megan Cornell, Louise Foley, Thomas Holloway, Faye Hughson, Chantal Kaye, Annabel Lee, Coco Li, Derek Li, MC, Mante Molepo, Lili O'Reilly, Ian Urbach, K. Smith, Shannon xw, Mara Zarins

**Regrets:** Melanie Gavan

**Welcome and Introductions - David Barron, Co-Chair**

**Review and Approval of Agenda - David Barron, Co-Chair**

**Review and Approval of Previous Minutes - Melissa Adams**

- Minutes from last meeting were not available so this item was postponed.

**Student Council Report - Derek Li**

- The Student Council for next year has been selected.
- Planning is underway for Battle of the Grades.

Question to Derek - Can you tell us about the composition of the Student Council?

Answer - It is made up of the following: co-presidents, co-heads of publicity (who are interviewed for the position), a student senator, grade reps (two for each grade), an equity officer and a videographer (who manages the Instagram account).

**Secondary Admin Report - Steve Collins, Principal**

- Daily absenteeism rate was at 9% in April and returned to almost 6% in May. There were no class cancellations as a result of staff absenteeism.
- Secondary enrollment is up by 95 students. There will be approximately 350-360 students per grade.
- Staffing - two technology teachers are being hired. One has already been hired from Woodroffe High School. The head of the Fine Arts Department from Bell High School will be teaching music at Earl. Will also be hiring one physical education teacher, one math teacher and one English teacher.
- Lion's Pause (stands for **P**actice, **A**dvice, **U**nderstand, **S**upport, **E**nrich).
  - It is a student support and intervention plan.
  - Will be held every Friday.
  - During Lion's Pause, no tests and no new instruction will take place.
  - Intended for students who are struggling as well as those who are excelling.

- What is the reason behind Lion's Pause? To address the impact of the pandemic as well as destreaming.
- Teachers have been doing Lion's Pause in individual classes - now ready to implement it school-wide.

Question to Steve - How does Steve see music (band) returning?

Answer from Steve - 1) hire an experienced teacher to lead the program (which has been done) and 2) strengthen connections between Grade 9 and Grades 7 and 8.

Further answer from Faye - We have two experienced music teachers at the intermediate level: K. Hardiman (Grade 8) and K. Steiner (Grade 7).

Question to Steve - Looking back and looking forward, what is life like at EOM (coming out of Covid)?

Answer: Happy kids, happier staff, significantly better, not where it was.

#### **Intermediate Admin Report - Faye Hughson**

- Planning for 11 Grade 7 classes and 13 Grade 8 classes.
- Grade 8 celebration to be held June 29. Outdoor BBQ. Not a formal ceremony due to Covid guidelines.
- Transition event for Grade 6 students. In-person tour/presentation.
- Lion's Pause happens Wednesdays, bi-weekly.

#### **Intermediate Staff Report - Faye Hughson (on behalf of Melanie Gavan who was not in attendance)**

- Mrs. Creighton's class has been working on mousetrap cars.
- Student Council has organized Spirit Week.
- Grade 8 classes are going on a bike trip from Andrew Hayden Park to downtown.
- School dodge ball tournament.
- Gauss math contest - 100 students participating

Question to Faye - Has Lion's Pause been happening in Grade 8?

Answer - Yes.

#### **Secondary Staff Report - Anthony Anderson**

Library Learning Commons

- The Library hosted two museum discovery boxes - First World War and Canadian discovery box. Photos of students with the boxes are on Instagram .
- May is Asian Heritage Month.
- June is Pride Month.

### **Constitution Review Update - Melissa Adams**

- Melissa reviewed the key changes that had been made to the document and discussions were held to clarify specific points and arrive at decisions.
- Due to time constraints, it was initially decided to postpone a vote on acceptance of the revised constitution until the first Council meeting in the fall. However, upon further discussion, it was decided that acceptance of the new constitution could be done based on consensus by email. David will email the revised document to all Council members with a deadline for responses.

Thomas provided a brief OCASC update.

Tonight was the final council meeting for Coco Li and Mara Zarins as their children are graduating. Both thanked staff and council.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next School Council meeting will be held September 2022.

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