

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for Tuesday November 14th, 2017

Present: Dan Marsden, Marit LaPierre, Deborah Lloyd, Sharon Brinkos, Lisa Parish, Ann Harrop, Jennifer Sharp, Judi Paul, Jennifer Cowie

Regrets: Heather Kauffeldt, Vanessa Meraw, Nancy Ballantine, Sandra McArthur

Guest Speaker: Aggie Tose on behalf of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA)

- ❖ The HCHBA was invited to speak to the School Council regarding their involvement in Haliburton High School and the Adult Learning Centre
- ❖ Background: Aggie is representing the Home Builders in Andrew Brown's place
 - Andrew Brown is a Hal High graduate & carpenter working for a local construction company
 - Andrew spearheads the discussions and meetings with local teachers to get a sense of what they need/want from the HCHBA ie. tools, people, resources etc
 - This support started as a sponsored \$100.00 award to a grade 11 or 12 student
 - The Home Builders implemented a full partnership with schools to impact more students and to build & encourage local jobs
- ❖ The Home Builders:
 - Want to ensure the students are able to understand on-the-job requests
 - Provide ideas to students as to what employers are looking for
 - Provide information about available apprenticeships and the over 200 trades available to work in
 - Offers safety training etc. to the whole area, regardless of member status as well as to students requiring training for co-ops etc.
 - Are facing a huge retirement population in the Trades
- ❖ Potential for future involvement and media sharing is being explored ie. job fair, parents night, engage other areas of the school (drama, media studies)

Approval of Minutes for September 12th, 2017

PRO Grant:

- ❖ Move discussion to next meeting
- ❖ Share ideas/topics through email to encourage discussion at January's meeting

Extra Curricular Updates (Judi Paul):

- ❖ Sports: Jr. & Sr. Girls Volleyball, Curling, Hockey, Jr. & Sr. Boys Basketball, Wrestling
- ❖ Interact Club: heading to WE day, finished Halloween Hunger Food Drive
- ❖ Student Government: Highlight Canada 150 day -Dec 8th, Teacher VS Student Basketball game, Holiday Assembly, Spirit Days
- ❖ Chess Club, Lunch Buddies, Drama Class (Sweeney Todd performance), White Pine Book Club, Remembrance Day Assembly

Busing shortage:

- ❖ caused increased budget costs
- ❖ Bus priority to get students to school, other activities have to work around the regular school day schedule

What does School Council do?

- ❖ Advisory committee to the school/Principal
- ❖ Council interested in helping the students by addressing current concerns etc. from other parents some ideas to promote this:
 - requesting agenda items from other parents
 - Advertise meeting through Synervoice the Thursday ahead of the meeting
 - list Council names on website so community knows who is on Council and who they can approach about attending or having their concern shared

College/University Bound Students:

- ❖ Find way to organize ride shares through students to attend College & University Open Houses
- ❖ Dan will look into see if there is something easy guidance can do to assist with this

Principal's Update (Dan Marsden)

- ❖ Mid-terms Monday November 20th
- ❖ Transition meeting with Grade 8 Teachers November 15th
- ❖ Option Course Days 3 full periods: JDH November 29th, ASES & Wilberforce Dec 6th
 - Explore Music, Drama, Tech classes
 - Opportunity to see the theatre, intramurals and life within the school
 - Lunch provided
- ❖ "Funny Money" Financial Literacy Awareness Assembly for Seniors November 22nd
- ❖ Baba Williams "All Different, All In" Bullying Awareness Assembly for Juniors Nov 23rd
- ❖ Boys Hockey Home Opener with Buy out available
- ❖ PA Day November 24th
- ❖ Climate Survey Opens November 20th through December 1st for Students & Parents (Teachers to complete the survey in Spring)
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce Job Fair to be held in the Spring

Next Meeting: January 16th 2018 at 7:00pm* Share the News!

*Lisa Parish will follow up with Matt Schaefer (Mental Health & Addictions Nurse) for a presentation at January's meeting