

## **Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council**

Minutes for the Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting

**Present:** Dan Marsden, Heather Kauffeldt, Sandra McArthur, Marit Lapierre, Sharon Brinkos, Judi Paul, Jennifer Sharp, Vanessa Meraw, Ann Harrop.

**Regrets:** Nancy Ballantine, Lisa Parish, Guest speaker Matt Shafer.

**Last meetings minutes were approved:** Moved by Vanessa  
Seconds by Sharon.

**Welcome:** Heather Kauffeldt has requested we use the school council email vs private email

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**Next Meeting:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>

**PRO Grant:** Brainstorming ideas; Media coverage to show the positives of HHSS, maybe a spin off of meet the teacher night. Display of the arts and Tech achievements, works under way. Have some displays in the gymnasium and in the halls to show case students works, possible improve or skits in the auditorium.

**Meet the teacher:** to take place before/after March Break? Tuesday or Thursday evening?

To be further discussed next meeting

**Extra Curricular:** Judi Paul:

**Student Government:**

- ❖ Continuing spirit days
- ❖ There will be a semi-formal dance in February (possible date Feb 16<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ Planning for Earth hour in March
- ❖ Pasta challenge
- ❖ basketball tournament
- ❖ Planning a women's week- Mr. Fockler to teach self-defence, assembly for empowerment

**Interact:** Deciding on this year's global fundraiser

**White Pine:** is doing really well, with bi-monthly meetings, many books being read by students.

**School Sports:**

- ❖ Boy's Hockey
- ❖ Curling: Boys, Girls, Mixed
- ❖ Volleyball- Junior and Senior Girls and Boys teams
- ❖ Snowboarding
- ❖ Wrestling

**Drama Class:** is Presenting Sweeney Todd- Tuesday, Wednesday this week.

**Chess/Games Club:** meets weekly.

**Athletic Council:** is putting on a pep rally before Winter break

**Lunch Buddies** and Monthly meetings are still well attended.

**HHSS Principal's update:** Dan Marsden:

- Gary Direnfield could come and talk about mental health and managing the issues that bombard the students. His fee is \$1000.00
- Kingsley Hurlington: Place-based Resilience in Rural Youth survey and student voice forum : 25 students first attended up to 61 students once there was an incentive of a \$100 Amazon gift card added. All students have completed the survey. Student forums will follow with the researcher.
- Optional course day occurred for all grade 8 students from JDH, Wilberforce and Archie Stouffer. Students got to try a full period course vs the ½ period course in the past. Lunch and intramurals were also provided.
- Dec. 8/17- Canada 150 Day was a surprise to students by the teachers. A breakfast sponsored by the staff was served for all - pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, waffles, cereal, etc.
- Dec. 12/17 was the schools 2<sup>nd</sup> lock down "drill" of the year. The board requirement is 6 fire drills and 3 "lockdown" drills per school year.  
We discussed if in some classes i.e.: shop class if a strobe light could be added for code red/fire as with the loud equipment announcements aren't being heard. Also implementing magnets on the doors for teachers not having to lock the door.
- Jan. 15-26 EQAO Gr 9 math testing is occurring in the mornings.
- Student and Parent survey results for February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussed if any of the results could then be used towards school council for PRO in the future.
- Final semester exams taking place starting Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- First day of second semester is Feb. 1, followed by a P. D. Day Feb. 2.
- March Break is 9-17th
- Ontario Student Drug survey showed that drug and alcohol use is down from previous years. Alcohol is still the highest in use, followed by energy drinks and the cannabis.

- Director Larry Hope will be in attendance on Feb 28 from 10 to 11 am and from 4 to 5 pm for a parent forum and also on March 28<sup>th</sup> during the lunch break for a student forum with a 12 student HHSS representation
- Funny Money got cancelled and is to be rescheduled this is for grades 11 and 12. Discussed Dept, planning for your financial future.

**DSC** : Jennifer Sharp

- The district school council is looking at creating an app. The link is as follows :

<http://tldsbc.ca/were-building-a-district-app-and-want-your-feedback/>

Please try and finish the survey and have your opinions heard. Also next District School Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday March 22, 2018.

## **H.H.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Meeting for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018@ 7pm, Seminar room**

- Welcome and Introduction- Heather Kauffeldt
- Review and approval of last council meeting- Group
- PRO Grant continued discussion
- Extra Curricular updates: Judi Paul
- HHSS Principle's update: Dan Marsden
- DSC- Jennifer Sharp

Next meeting: Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Adjournment