

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for the Tuesday February 13th, 2018 meeting

Present: Dan Marsden, Heather Kauffeldt, Sandra McArthur, Sharon Brinkos, Jennifer Sharp, Lisa Parish, Ann Harrop.

Regrets: Nancy Ballantine, Vanessa Meraw, Judi Paul, Marit Lapierre.

Last meeting minutes were approved: Moved by Ann and Seconded by Jennifer.

Welcome: Heather Kauffeldt

Extra Curricular updates: Judi Paul was absent, Dan Marsden filled in:

- Snowboarding and wrestling are competing in OFSAA.
- Volleyball Jr girls won their tournament, Sr girls were away.
- Curling is going to Sarnia for both boys and girls. Mixed came in second.
- Hockey finished second heading to playoffs.
- Boys Basketball are Kawartha was to attend HHSS

Meet the Teacher night: March 22, 2018 @5-7pm

DSC: March 22, 2018 @ 7pm

PRO Grant: Continued to discuss Ideas.

- Mrs. Gervais was ok with displaying some of the student's art, just a question on how to display the art.
- We discussed the idea of having Drama do a skit or display in the gym, and tech students having some displays in the lobby
- \$1,000.00, 20% Can go to food, 15% to media.
- Possibility of having the tech rooms open and parents meeting teachers in the actual classroom vs in the gym for those classes. Maybe changing how meet the teacher happens.
- The Great Grain Challenge (former Pasta Challenge) could display their collections in an artistic way.
- We are all in agreement in having the students try to show their pride in their school. More of an open house feel, then the sitting around the gym only to meet the teacher.

- Open Mic show, and can we get the students to commit to performing.
- More displays around the school for students to lead the parents around so all can see the things that students can take as next years classes.
- **Moving our next meeting up so we can have a definite plan**
- We need to focus on how to spend the grant money
- Offering transportation to meet the teacher night, giving a gift card or seeing how many would benefit from assisted transportation.
- Guest speaker still on the table for ideas, Gary Dierenfeld speak about mental health, or Marg Cox from PIT after meet the teacher night.
- Ticket sales to win students art. Or each parent who arrives gets a ballot with the same win a student display.
- Serving food, the first half of meet the teacher to bring in more of a crowd, and have parents stay for after meet the teacher for the guest speaker.

Principles Update: Dan Marsden

- Teaching update: Tricky to hire a new shop tech teacher, many hurdles to try to achieve a placing. Dan Fockler took the position, a grade 10 transportation tech had to be cut.
- First semester had no grade 9 or ten failures, 10 student's marks got bumped to another academic level as well.
- Grade 8 option sheets are due on Tuesday Feb 20th.
- Kingsley Hurlington: Sent back out for more focus groups, students can still be added. 60 students participated. He will share his findings when he had finished his thesis.
- Larry Hope is doing a parent's forum on Feb. 28 from 10am-11am and 4pm-5pm. He is also going to do a student forum with 12 students in a cross section from each level to take place March 28th. Student volunteers of all grades and levels and genders.
- The Great Gain Challenge has begun, no longer just pasta challenge.
- Grad pictures are from Feb. 26- March 2
- Prom committee asking to do a bottle drive, we have all approved the idea, they just have to find a date.
- Follow up to Funny Money speaker to be contacted again to see if he is going to reschedule.

DSC update: Jennifer Sharp

- Last meeting was Jan. 18th, 2018
- Annual report is on the website
- They talked about the school app. The DSC PRO grant will cover up to \$30,000.00 they are hoping to have the app available by the end of the school year. This app will not be able to integrate to the school's other apps like seesaw or sesame.
- Muskoka talked about having Dr. Alex Russell, author of Drop the Worry Ball. Having him come to discuss at to all the schools. He talks about resilience in students. They are looking into doing a live stream or bus transportation since his fees are \$5,000.00 per speech. Looking for an April date for him.
- Email systems are changing from first-class to google cloud. After July 10th 2018.

Next Meeting to discuss: PRO Grant and Climate Survey results

Next meeting: Tuesday March 6th, 2018

Adjournment.