

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for the Tuesday June 5th, 2018 meeting.

Present: Dan Marsden, Heather Kauffeldt, Sandra McArthur, Sharon Brinkos, Jennifer Sharp, Merrit Lapierre. Ann Harrop, Vanessa Meraw, Chris Duchene

Retiring: Merrit Lapierre

Absent: Lisa Parish, Nancy Ballantine,

Last meeting minutes were approved: Sharon Brinkos, Merrit Lapierre, Ann Harrop

Welcome: Heather Kauffeldt

Pro Grant: Heather Kauffeldt

- Pro Grant application has been sent.
- Two open houses have been proposed. One at the beginning of the year, and a second around meet the teacher night in second semester.
- Thursday September 13 is a NO GO as Stuart Baker and JDH are hosting a BBQ open house.
- School council will decide what the exact dates will be in the new school year.

Extra Curricular and Principals Update: Dan Marsden

- **Badminton:** team hosted COSSA, Jr Champs, and Sr Team and a double team came in first.
- **Soccer girls:** Jr. and Sr. Hosted COSSA on May 30th. Sr. Girls were shot out, Jr's won by one goal in overtime.
- **Track and Field:** Strong season. 20 Athletes went to the East regionals. Our team preformed well, beating personal bests and some broke records. One athlete will go to Toronto to compete at the Pan AM centre.
- **Prom:** was a success, finished by 10:00!! It was a great event and all enjoyed.
- **Try it Fair:** was May 4th. All students participated, hosted by the library and was held in the gym.

- **Wellness week:** was well attended, May 7th -11th. Yoga, therapeutic touch and a movie. This will continue yearly. Sully the therapeutic dog comes to the school on Wednesdays. Hopefully will continue next year as well.
- **May 24th:** Last lockdown at the school was preformed. The speaker system needs to be fixed as some classes don't hear the code red. Maybe a different idea for the Shop class since equipment is louder than the alarm or speakers. Questions were asked about students outside or around the property what to do for a code red.
- **Hiring:** There are 5 postings for LDL spots available for next year. There is a low number of supply teachers and staff on hand to fill positions. This is throughout the board and not just HHSS.
- **Athletic Banquet:** June 12th. Award and dinner for all the athletes.
- **Grad Breakfast:** June 15th. Year book distribution and burgers and freezies. Students vs. Staff soccer game as well.
- **Commencement:** 98% are graduating. No Superintendent will be at the commencement.

DSC: Jennifer Sharp

- May 10th Poor attendance in all three sites, Larry Hope gave review via video.
- Discussions about the climate survey. Board wide the results were unanimous, students feeling safe and involvement. There were no real surprises.
- Overdrive or e-readers are open to parents, they demonstrated how parents can access it thru the school website.
- Alex Russel was a great lecture. He stated that it's ok to let kids fail/ fail it's how they learn. He suggests that by grade 6 we as parents allow our kids to make more decisions about their own education.

Next School Council Meeting will be: September 11th 2018