

## **Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council**

Minutes for February 26th, 2019 Meeting

Present: Tanya Boisvert, Sandra McArthur, Vanessa Meraw, Chris Duchene, Jennifer Sharp, Heather Kauffeldt, Chris Boulay, Siddhi Shah Regrets: Kris Baird

### **Welcome: Heather Kauffeldt**

- Motion to approve November 14th 2019 by Vanessa and Sandra
- Agenda approved with no additions

### **Student Report: Siddhi Shah**

- 25 students in second semester Leadership Course (8-10 returning from first semester)
  - End of semester included year end portfolio with reflection on the semester
  - Created TED talks about student's passions
- Activities include:
  - Semi-formal
  - Holiday week activities
  - Stress Relief week (ahead of exams)
    - Music, games at lunch, movie night, cupcakes, stress relief messages to grade 9 students, service dogs
  - Semester two activities include theme weeks (i.e. colourfest)
  - Grain challenge ended February 25th
- Siddhi attending "Adventures in Citizenship" in Ottawa

### **Extracurricular Updates: Chris Duchene**

- Interact Group:
  - School sleepover to raise awareness for Homelessness in support of Places for People possibly March 22
- Athletic Council:
  - Women's & Men's Curling: Kawartha Champions, off to COSSA Mar 5
  - Women's Hockey: 2 tournaments in Oshawa and York University
  - Jr. Boys Basketball: Kawartha A Champs off to COSSA Feb 25th
  - Sr. Girls Volleyball: Kawartha A Champs & COSSA Silver medalists
  - Wrestling: 3 golds & 3 silvers @ COSSA, off to OFSSA Mar 4-6
  - Men's Hockey: 2nd in Kawartha League, lost in playoffs to LCVI
  - Jr. Girls Volleyball: advance to Kawartha tournament
  - Upcoming Sports: badminton and Women's Soccer and Track & Field
- Guidance:
  - Morning announcements posted on HHSS Home page (yellow star)
  - 18 dual credit Plumbing students
  - 2-3 classes per day inputting course selections for 2019-20
    - Check for mistakes/oversights mid-March
    - Create timetables come mid-May

## **HHSS Principal Update: Chris Boulay**

- First Semester Results: 1300 credits earned
  - 35 credits failed, 12-16 credit recovery
  - 4-5 parents declined credit recovery
  - Shifting accountability and ownership onto students
  - Tweek policy to change the process to support students
- Second Semester:
  - 430 students (decrease approx 20 students)
  - Progress report marking period ends March 6th
  - Progress reports March 20th
  - March 21st 5-7pm, meet the teacher night
  - Timetable tumble
    - Changes seem to be okay
    - Schedules all over school as reminder
- Literacy Test:
  - March 27th
  - Extra help course Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:45am
  - Working on strategies/models for open ended questions
  - Academic success in past 80-90% of students
  - Focus on Grade 10 applied students
  - 140-165 writers
  - Looking at how to modify the day to make it meaningful to all students
    - Mock literacy test for grade 9 students
    - Guest speaker/activity for grade 11 & 12 students
- PA Day April 5th
- Likely sharing facility with Fleming College in summer
- Window replacements and repairs set for summer

## **New Business:**

- Lead Levels:
  - areas all over the school tested for lead
  - 10/10 samples were less than 10 ug/L (below threshold for concern)
  - Prohibited sites are bagged/capped so they aren't used
  - Daily flush required per HKPR Health unit
- Late Bus:
  - Cancelled due to expense (\$100-200 per bus per day)
  - Can be re-established but need to find an affordable option
  - Bus to Minden/West Guilford/Carnarvon 12-15 students
  - Bus to Highlands East 2-3 students

- Vaping:
  - Increasing number of students vaping in inappropriate areas (bus, bathroom etc.)
  - School has heightened awareness with escalating disciplinary action
    - First time discussion & in-school suspension
    - Second time: fine & suspension
  - Looking into information/education over punitive measures
    - Peer-Led risk reduction
    - Community Services (Point in Time)
    - Health Unit & Tobacco Control
  - Smoke Free Ontario Act
    - Includes vaping & cannabis
    - No consumption 20m from school perimeter
    - Need to comply but be reasonable not to endanger students
- VTRA Fair Notice
  - Stands for Violence Threat Risk Assessment
  - Per TLDSB's Threat & Risk Assessment procedure OP-6531
  - The VTRA Fair Notice and Process accompanied all Semester 1 report cards
  - Usually distributed in the fall
  - Process implemented when verbal or written intent to harm self or others
  - A team is assembled to ascertain risk of self-harm

### **District School Council (DSC) Updates: Jenn Sharp**

- January 17th meeting notes attached
  - Highlights:
    - Revising Community Use of Schools procedure
      - "Users must adhere to school & district promotion of allergen safe spaces"
    - No feedback received yet from the Ministry or Provincial Government re: consultation surveys
    - Board Accommodation Plan put on hold due to Provincial changes
    - Ministry of Health new legislation: must have certified food handler in building when food is being prepared
    - IEP Presentation (see link in Meeting Notes)
      - 1243 survey responses out of 4465 total IEPs in TLDSB
    - Update School Messenger preferences so don't get bombarded with messages (text, email, phone call etc.)
    - May 9th Meeting: Harmony Movement presentation
      - Harmony Movement is trainer promoting diversity, equity and inclusion
    - Next Meeting March 21st at 7pm at Haliburton County Education Centre (ASES)

**School Council Constitution:**

- Start by melding the template and the current bylaws
- Some of the current bylaws are redundant/wording can be misconstrued
- Last version created in 2005

**Grants PEG & PRO**

- A google document to be established for brainstorming
- Make decisions next meeting to spend money
- PEG \$500.00 from Ministry for Parent Engagement spending
- PRO \$1000.00 applied for grant for Parent Engagement spending (strict guidelines)
  - Attached copy of Grant

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**

**Next Meeting April 9th At 7:00pm**