

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for June 4th, 2019 Meeting

Present: Tanya Boisvert, Vanessa Meraw, Ann Harrop, Sandra McArthur, Siddhi Shah, Chris Duchene, Heather Kauffeldt, Sharon Brinkos, Jennifer Sharp, Chris Boulay

Regrets: Jessica Noble, Lisa Parish

Welcome: Heather Kauffeldt

- Motion to approve April 9th Minutes by Ann and Sharon
- Agenda approved by Ann and Sharon, with the addition of School Council Information Sheet creation

Student Report: Siddhi Shah

- Events:
 - Easter Week, Wellness Week, Arts Week (ending with Art show), Decade week
 - Mock UN: students from 7 different schools
 - Each student represented a country, created resolution papers on topics
 - Awards for position and resolution papers
 - Leadership Class:
 - creating TED talks about topic student is passionate about
 - Indigenous Assembly
 - Junior Boys vs Girls for Friday funday
 - Colour Week (Colourfest): Colour run, Thursday byout, fun day (inflatables, yearbook delivery)
 - Assisting with SBES-JDH link day
 - Siddhi shared information about her trip to Ottawa for “Adventures in Citizenship”

Extracurricular Updates: Chris Duchene

- Interact Group:
 - Colour fest, bake sale, buying chickens for families overseas through Oxfam
- Athletic Council:
 - Junior soccer COSSA gold
 - Track: no OFSAA qualifiers but many personal bests, 30-40 athletes attended East Regionals
- Library:
 - New furniture, shelves etc. ordered
 - Library set up being reconfigured
- Guidance:
 - Meeting with students with scheduling conflicts for next (approx 140 students)
 - Only 4 graduating students are without community hours BUT will have completed with time to graduate
 - 75/86 bursary grants have been completed

HHSS Principal Update: Chris Boulay

- Action Items from April Meeting:
 - Late bus: partnership with Point in Time/Youth Hub to run late bus on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until June 18th
 - Hope to continue in the Fall
 - Vaping: presentation from Jen Valkemp (HKPR) presented to 2 groups on dangers on vaping, nicotine & dispelling myths
 - Very engaging with students, allowed students to share and ask questions
 - Challenges, Beliefs & Changes (CBC) update: HHSS students attending JDH to speak to Grade 8 students about drug use etc.
- MADD presentation June 6th
- Exam schedule posted throughout school with minimal changes
- OSSLT results are ready but not released to public yet
 - Gives admin a chance to review results for errors i.e. booklet incompleteness etc.
- June 14th Grad breakfast
- Prom: event successful, huge effort from staff & students
- School Renovations (over summer): roof & door work, changes to classroom spaces
 - Lobby revamp (live edge tables & chairs with plugs)
- Fleming College using space again over summer
- Staffing: maintaining all permanent staff

Action/Follow up Business:

- Feed All Four Festival: (**to assist with September's General Meeting**)
 - Partner with something else (i.e. Tribute Night)
 - Move an event closer to the beginning of the year so community knows about resources the school has to offer
 - Or is there merit in holding an annual event i.e. 2nd Tuesday in May...will the event grow?
 - Open invite to community and neighbouring schools
 - Open House/Welcome BBQ?
 - Donation jar at dinner table to assist with food costs
 - Tag onto Teacher night??
 - Invite clubs: students clubs (leadership class, Interact etc.) and community clubs (i.e. Curling etc.)
 - Teachers want to be involved
 - Good dining atmosphere...would this be lost in a BBQ setting
 - Give guests a chance to introduce themselves and their product/resource
 - Maybe speak while others are eating
 - Decide Sept/Oct or Apr/May event
- PRO & PEG grants report back/budget:
 - Chris Boulay shared spending with group

- Heather and Sharon will work on the report and submit to Chris for approval
- School Council Constitution:
 - Motion to approve final draft by Sharon, second by Sandra
- Safe Schools Equity Walk Follow Up:
 - Completed April 24th with Ann, Sharon, Vanessa and Tanya
 - Feedback from group:
 - Fun experience to see the atmosphere & energy of the students
 - Learned about the inner workings of the school, of note the music in the halls & tea locker added to the energy
 - Wondered if School Council could be invited early in the year for an informal walk before formal walk to be done
 - Started with questionnaire, guide and tour
 - Assessed the Equity, Inclusivity and Safe Spaces available in Public Spaces, Co-instruction Activities, Classroom & Resources, Parent/Guardians engagement, Non-Physical environment
 - Strengths and room for growth were noted in each of these areas
- **New Business:**
 - Paul Davis Social Media presentation:
 - Request for collaboration on a spring 2020 Parent Engagement opportunity with Stuart Baker and JD Hodgson Elementary
 - <http://www.socialnetworkingsafety.net/>
 - Unanimous decision to support and offer to highschool feeder schools
 - School Council Information Sheet:
 - Jenn created a draft Information Sheet for new council members
 - Can be handed out during registration, and other events
 - Possibly add link to home page of website
 - A few edits were requested
 - Jenn to share Google Doc with Chris Boulay
 - **Annual General Meeting for 2019-20:
Tuesday September 17th, 2019 @ 7pm in Library**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm