

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for September 17th, 2019 Meeting

Present: Emily Keller, Tanya Boisvert, Vanessa Meraw, Chris Duchene, Siddhi Shah, Jennifer Sharp, Sharon Brinkos, Chris Boulay, Joseph Quigley (guest from the Highlander Newspaper)

Regrets: Heather Kauffeldt

Welcome: Sharon Brinkos

- Motion to approve June 4th Minutes by Sharon and Vanessa
- Agenda approved by Tanya and Sharon

Student Report: Siddhi Shah

- Library:
 - Renovation near completion, furniture still arriving
 - 30 touchscreen Chromebooks and presentation screen
 - Encourage use of facilities by individuals, teachers and groups alike
 - Open until 5:30 Monday and Wednesday, for now
 - No late bus Mondays, like to be open as Public library is closed Mondays
 - Coop students, library volunteers & staff- Ms Cannon, Ms. Whitten and Ms. Lloyd
 - Facilities to support literacy initiatives in school, assess reading skills and support writing strategies
 - Grand opening October 2nd at lunch (open to parents, students etc.)
 - Prizes, tours and launch of White Pine book titles
- Leadership Class:
 - Laid crosses at Minden Cemetery
 - Hurricane Dorian fundraising (bake sale, kareoke, spirit days)
 - October 3rd Spirit Day- Red & White Day, Pep Rally
 - Sept 26th Terry Fox Day- selling t-shirts, minimum \$5.00 donation to Foundation to participate
 - \$4,250 primary goal,
 - \$2,903.00 secondary goal for HHSS to reach over \$100,000 in 20 years
 - Activities for grade 9 students in last block

Extracurricular Updates: Chris Duchene

- Interact Group:
 - Working with Ursula Devolin
 - Trying to grow the group, reaching out to grade 12 students for participation
- Library: see Student update
- Athletic Council:
 - Student leaders assisting with intramurals & first pep rally to recognize fall teams and individuals
 - Intramurals are daily from 12 to 12:55 in the gym

- Cross country running, senior football, junior & senior boys volleyball, varsity girls rugby and field hockey
- Games start week of September 23rd
- Guidance:
 - Focus on graduating initiatives, have 87 graduates
 - Have a list of grads requiring credits/intervention to graduate
 - Communicating with colleges and universities to encourage seminars & information sharing
 - October 8th: college information day at Fleming College
 - Amy Klose created a Google classroom for the grads to assist with communication & announcements
 - Meeting with students to encourage checking websites, google docs etc.
 - Chris is trying to coordinate a trip to a College and University Campus
 - Trent University & Fleming College presentations have already happened

HHSS Principal Update: Chris Boulay

- 440 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (100 grade 9s, 90 grade 12s)
 - 20 less students than 2018-19
- September 20th: Camo Day (Heritage Day)
- September 26th: Terry Fox Day
 - one student donated \$170.00 of his own money to foundation
 - See Student notes for activities
- September 30th: Orange shirt day (Spirit of Reconciliation Day)
- October 11th: Honour and Awards Ceremony (academic and attendance from 2018-19)
- October 17th: tentative Parent-Teacher Night
- Dual Credit courses have started
 - Makeup Artistry (Nicola Butler teacher) 15-16 students
 - Intro to Mechanical Trades (Jason Stoughton) 15-16 students
- Specialist High School Major courses: Hospitality & Tourism and Environmental Science
- Facility Renewal (Complete and Continuing):
 - Air conditioner installed in resource
 - New water line and parking lot repairs
 - Flooring & carpet removal in Hawk's Nest & Guidance
 - Storage area between Leadership & Drama Room
 - New roof on Gym and main lobby
 - Lobby revamp:
 - paint walls & doors, new ceiling & lighting
 - Installing live edge countertops (being created by Mr. Fockler's class) will accommodate chairs on either side
 - staff/valedictorian display is being modernized but will return to the lobby need to ensure long term plan to display future images
- Late Bus: partner with Youth Hub

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 - Currently running Western Circuit (West Guilford, Carnarvon, Minden, Lochlin)
 - Looking for solutions to Eastern Circuit (less students use than Western)
 - Able to run for larger part of year due to partnering
- Literacy Test:
 - Academic on par with previous year
 - Applied results are 5-7% higher than 2018-19
 - Increasing familiarity and tools to answer open response questions
- EQAO (Grade Nine Math):
 - Academic on par with previous year
 - Applied decreased from previous year but still out performed province
- Revamp/Rewrite in Curriculum
 - Careers Course/Financial Literacy and Math focus across more subjects
 - No policy statement regarding Mandatory Online Courses
- Grade 9 Chromebooks: every grade nine provided with Chromebook loaded with Nelson content with vision to grow the use of the Chromebook to all students, eventually
 - Content tool loaded with app and all of the Google apps
 - Assisting with connection & collaboration in classrooms
 - Students can take chromebooks home
 - Supplied to non-grade nine students in grade 9 blended classes (i.e. 9/10 computer science)
 - Not sole method of learning so screen time shouldn't be an issue; teachers will still use the most effective tool to capture what is being taught
- CBC (Challenges, Beliefs & Changes) Program: peer mentoring to JDH classrooms
 - Well received by students
 - Will continue this year

Action/Follow up Business:

- PEG Funds/Feed All Four Festival:
 - Funds to be used for Open House during Parent-Teacher Night and Spring Feed All Four Festival
 - Further discussion to follow- **Action for October Meeting**
- Paul Davis Presentation:
 - April 30th and May 1st: Parent Presentation in evening of April 30th
 - District School Council covering part of costs (will confirm amounts)
- **New Business:**
 - 2019-20 Council:
 - Jenn Sharp nominated for secretary, second by Sharon: Jenn accepted
 - Sharon Brinkos & Vanessa Meraw nominated as Co-Chairs, second by Tanya: Sharon & Vanessa accepted
 - 2019-20 Meeting Dates (second Tuesday of the month):

- October 8th
 - December 10th
 - February 11th
 - April 14th
 - June 9th
- **Next Meeting Tuesday October 8th At 7pm in Seminar Room**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm