

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for February 11th, 2020 Meeting

Present: Sharon Brinkos, Vanessa Meraw, Emily Keller, Chris Boulay, Bluma Holtzman, Destiny Wilson, Jennifer Sharp

Regrets: Tanya Boisvert, Chris Duchene

Welcome: Sharon Brinkos

- Motion to approve December 10th Minutes by Vanessa, second by Sharon
- Agenda approved without additions by Sharon, second by Vanessa

Student Report: Bluma and Destiny

- Outdoors Class
 - Cleaned cabin, readied trails for Hike Haliburton Winter Edition
 - Completed First Aid & AED CPR
 - Upcoming firearms training and Health & Safety
 - Mr. Little attending to assist in first Chainsaw use
 - Building shelters by the school & camping out
 - Course modified to stay more local, less travelling to work sites
- Leadership Class
 - Monday recycling program
 - Hosting future assembly to educate students on how recycling works
 - Black History Month
 - Creating posters of famous Black Canadians
 - Pajama day Feb 12, 2020: win free ticket to Semi formal on March 6
 - Valentines Day events: movie, bake sale and special surprise
 - February 25th: pancake Tuesday
 - Leap Year events at the end of the month

Extracurricular Report: Chris Boulay

- Interact
 - Resuming weekly meetings since exams
 - Revisiting goals, implement annual fundraiser
 - 2 students to be chosen for Adventures in Citizenship program in Spring
 - 3 students to be chosen for Rotary Leadership
- Sports
 - Winter sports are coming to a close, some flexibility being offered to finish some of the sports currently at the championship stage with help of volunteers
 - Unsure of status of Spring sports due to labour issues

- Library
 - The Library is a settled space now encourages students coming together to work on projects, hang out at lunch etc
 - Creating bulletin boards around the school
 - Coop students and Student Volunteers assist throughout the day
 - Focus on Black Canadian History this month
 - Valentine's Day card workshops February 12, 13 and 14th
 - *Genrefying* the library (modernizing and sorting the books by genre instead of the Dewey decimal system)
 - Grade 12 students and volunteers assisting with benchmarking reading levels
 - Striving to benchmark all of the Grade 9 students
- Guidance
 - Working on course selections for the fall
 - Grade 9, 10 and 11 course meetings have all taken place
 - Choose courses in computer lab next week
 - New Courses:
 - Music Appreciation: open to all backgrounds
 - Grade 11 and 12 Computer Science
 - Grade 12 Phys Ed Leadership
 - Some courses, 4U Physics for example, run on a 2 year schedule to congregate a larger group of students
 - Grade 9 Parent Night was very successful and well attended
 - 110 grade 9 students next year (20 from Wilberforce alone!)
 - Other Courses:
 - UpMath: skills based course to bring students to an applied level. Run first semester and attend applied math second semester
 - ReadUp: to assist students to achieve their reading level

Principal Update: Chris Boulay

- Semester One Wrap Up
 - Only 18 unsuccessful credits (of 1400+ available credits)
 - Bestowing continued accountability on students
 - Have regular meetings to stay focused on students who are struggling
- Semester Two Progress Reports: unsure if they will be done due to labour disputes
- Math EQAO was not written
- OSSLT cannot be written or supported without the teachers
 - Principal's Council is requesting the test not be written this year but have the grade 10s write it next year
 - This will not affect any of this year's graduates
- Vaping Risk Reduction Presentation moved to April 15th, student activities during the day with an evening presentation for parents

Wellness Update:

- Siddhi has created a Google document for us to collaborate on
- Tentative date set for Tuesday May 12th (will ensure this aligns with Wellness Week)
- Invite staff to meeting or hold one at lunch to inform and work with those interested in getting involved
- Next Planning Meeting February 20th at 7pm

Parent Recruitment:

- Emily suggested ways to increase the hype of the Parent Council
 - Registration Days: have School Council Members handing out flyers and discussing what School Council is
 - Parent/Teacher night: have table set up in the middle of the gym and have someone walk around and inform parents
 - Facebook Page with Council updates
 - Have regular Parent Council updates on HHSS Facebook and Twitter pages
 - Offer Parent Council packages at September's Annual General Meeting
 - Emily will create a brainstorming document for social media sharing guidelines to ensure the Parent Council mandates and goals are kept in perspective when sharing information.

District School Council/Parent Involvement Committee:

- Last meeting January 16th with a presentation about TLDSBs Experiential Learning & Skilled trades pathways and updates from Larry Hope
- Meeting notes can be found here
<https://tldsbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/MEETING-NOTES-DSC-PIC-011620.pdf>
- Experiential Learning and Skilled Trades Presentation can be found here
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- Updates from Huntsville regarding their Paul Davis presentations
 - Extremely successful and content was timely and geared to parents
- Haliburton's presentation is scheduled for Thursday April 30th, the School Council Chairs will have to collaborate to get the word out to parents
- Next DSC/PIC meeting is Thursday March 26th at 7:00pm beside Archie Stouffer
 - Topics included Indigenous Education in TLDSB
 - EVERYONE WELCOME

Next School Council Meeting is Tuesday April 14th at 7:00pm in the Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm