

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for October 20, 2020 Meeting
(Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic protocol)

Present: Vanessa Meraw, Tanya Boisvert, Emily Keller, Ghiyab Al Ali, Jessica Little, Sharon Brinkos, Jennifer Sharp, Oliva Melle (Student Rep), Amy Klose (Teacher Rep), Chris Boulay

Regrets: N/A

Welcome: Vanessa Meraw & Chris Boulay

- Motion to approve September 29th Minutes by Sharon & Tanya
- Motion to approve Agenda with one addition by Tanya & Sharon
 - Add "Group Work" under New Business *(c)

Student Report: Olivia Melle

- Transition to 2nd class was difficult without a break in between
- New bus schedule seems to be working well
- G7 members started a peer tutoring site
- The Running Club has started; well organized & enjoyable

Staff Report: Amy Klose

- Class turnaround was challenging, balance exhaustion with enthusiasm
- Appreciative of being face to face with students
- Community is working hard to keep the school safe- Thank you!
- Terry Fox run was a success; staff participated in events based on money raised
- Looking for different ways to engage students (ie. fish in classroom, tiktok dance)
- Rules in place to keep students distanced and safe (ie. track bathroom minutes, QR codes for areas throughout the school, students sanitize every 1hr 20 mins)
- Remembrance Day Contest due November 2nd
- Post Secondary Finances (virtual workshop) November 10th

Principal's Report: Chris Boulay

- EQAO:
 - Math will be written for grade 9 students completing math courses in November
 - Monthly thereafter for courses completed after November
 - Will be completely online and operating as a field study
 - We have math in November, thus, unknown if we will participate
 - Had a math course complete on October 15
 - Online format; similar to Board's online resources
- Literacy
 - Plan is to have a write in spring 2021
 - The literacy requirement of the diploma remains for all students in 2021

- Bus Revision
 - JDH & Stuart Baker ES lobbied dismissal program due to influx of students heading to the buses at the same time
 - Three waves of dismissals 2:55, 3:05 and 3:19
 - Highschool students get on the bus at HHSS and proceed to pick up at elementary schools
 - Instruction begins at 8:50am instead of 9:00am to allow for staggered departure times
 - Instruction ends at 2:55pm so students aren't being disrupted during dismissals
 - Bus driver shortage causing early dismissals so drivers can complete 2 runs or bus cancellations
- Undergrad Awards Assembly tentatively booked (virtual ceremony) on Friday October 30th for grades 9 through 11 from last year (awards include attendance, honours and monetary awards)
- Plaques for June grads haven't arrived yet due to shipping delays; upon arrival boxes will be put together and the grads will pick up
- No pictures scheduled thus far; monitoring wellness rates
 - Yearbook templates are being prepped for when pictures are ready
- Prom Committee meeting today, supervised by Kathryn Darling
 - Not sure what Prom will look like this year
- Dress purple day Tuesday October 27th- Child Protection & Abuse Prevention and Awareness
- First Octomester ended October 15th with a high success rate in credits earned-400 attempted, 396 achieved. 99% success rate
- School is deciding on whether to issue formal report cards now or mid-November
- Terry Fox run raised \$2400 (all online donations; no cash)
 - Challenges with staff and students: Run by Isaac Little & Mr. Klose, jump in lake by Gaffney, haircuts by staff, a music video

Business Arising from Previous Meeting: N/A

New Business:

- **Safe & Inclusive Schools Team**
 - Meet once every school year to discuss items
 - Break out of School Council Meeting but propose to establish team from School Council Group
- **BRIP (Bully Prevention Intervention Response Plan) for 2020-21**
 - Student voice survey wasn't conducted due to spring COVID response
 - Hoping to collect student voice this year
 - Policy 6216: commitment to Safety & Wellbeing (in person or Cyber)
 - Definitions of bullying & cyberbullying
 - Share pdf & collect feedback to update plan

- **Parent Engagement Grant (PEG)**
 - \$500.00 has been allotted for parent engagement
 - Suggestions for spending:
 - virtual presentation on use of virtual tools ie. Google Classroom/Meet
 - Support for families without internet ie. borrow internet hubs
 - Virtual speaker
- **Group Work***
 - Questions about weight of group work in terms of final mark
 - Concerns about difficulty to accomplish the work in 22 days
 - Discussed having staff get the perception from their students
 - Every class differs in structure
 - Trying to diminish work outside school day
 - Math department avoids homework assignments
 - Encourage in class collaboration

District School Council

- First meeting set for November 19th has been cancelled
- The school board has Parent Engagement funds and PRO grant funds; looking for spending ideas
- Paul Davis presentations moved to Spring 2021 depending on COVID

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm

Next Meeting December 8th 2020 at 7:00pm (virtual invite will be sent out)