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School Council Agenda September 16 2019 7:00 PM Room 142

Minutes of meeting:

1. Welcome and Call to Order 7:00 pm
Present- Ray Este (principal), Anne Marie Sinasac-Roy (chairperson) Evan Lang, Joelle Shen, Sam Itani, Tina Hohenadel, Nadine Hilts-Avery, Harrison Roy (SAC) John-Mark Morley
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the March Minutes (June's meeting cancelled)
Approved my John. Seconded by Anne Marie
4. Additions to the Agenda
Nominations for Chairperson for 19-20 School Year. Anne Marie is proclaimed as the chairperson.
PEG money will be discussed in New Business
5. SAC Report by Harrison Roy
Grade 9 candidates for SAC were in the process of being interviewed. Candidates were interviewed by Harrison and Cole (vice-chair of SAC). SAC and AU will be sharing a float in the parade for the fair. A parent of a SAC member will be driving the truck pulling the float. He is a licenced trucker. The Grade 9 nominees will be asked to ride on the float as part of their 'try-out' to observe their enthusiasm. The theme for the parade is 'Fun For the Whole Herd'. SAC will also be giving out candy along the route. Sam Lang is going to be escorting ponies in front of the float as well. SAC is also organizing an upcoming spirit week with a Comfy Cozy Day, a Twin Day, A Wizard Day, A Throwback Day, and A Fandom Day, which will coincide with the first dance of the year on September 27th. The first dance is usually attended by mostly grade 9 students. SAC is using a song request format so not all the music will be country. The cost for dances is usually \$10. Semi-formal is usually a bit more. Prom is not a part of SAC. Students can sign in guests from other schools on a 1-1 basis. They also check the dance dates don't conflict with LCVI's. Students must show student ID cards. The dances have been really good over the last 5 years. The cost for dj's is ususally \$600-800. Tickets are created in house and Mrs. Zablosky's husband uses his graphic design business to make them. There may be a Harry Potter theme for the semi-formal. SAC is also going to open up their meeting on October 7th so anyone can drop in and participate. SAC is also looking to do fundraising with Tuesday treats, with the proceeds going to A Place Called Home, or the Lindsay Foodbank. SAC is also looking to do fundraising close to Christmas to donate to the

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foodbank. Money raised from the dances has been donated to various causes/clubs, including helping pay for the costs for the girls rugby to compete at OFSAA. SAC keeps a surplus of money as a float to offset the costs at the start of the year to buy things required for the first dance. The AU does not generate money. They are supported by the SAC. AU is more involved with the Terry Fox Run. AU usually doesn't have grade 9 students.

6. Principal's Report

Office Staffing- We just finished our hiring last Wednesday. Sandra MacDonald will be coming down from Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School to join our staff doing the attendance, starting very soon. Cathy Vannus is also new in the office, as is our computer operator Tracey Ferguson. With that being said, don't be surprised when you come in and see new faces greeting you.

School Improvement Plan- We will be having a Family of Schools Meeting tomorrow morning. On Tuesday after school we will be having our first Department Heads meeting. The department heads will be assisting in developing a specific school improvement plan that will focus on specific goals in numeracy, literacy, and well-being. The plans will be monitored and updated throughout the year. Our first staff meeting in August focused on building positive relationships with students and creating positive classroom environments.

Extra-Curricular Activities- The Mental Wellness Group has already had a meeting and is laying out plans for our students. The SAC and LINK have been working hard to make the grade nine start up as smooth as it can be. The Athletic Union's Terry Fox Assembly will be taking place on Monday September 23rd. There are a number of fall sports teams already running. The school will have a booth set up at the Lindsay Fair for the duration of the event.

Communication- The school will be using School Messenger to communicate with parents. I've sent one message home with a start up letter attached via email. I've also asked staff to make all events as visible as possible on Twitter, which is then posted onto our Website. The calendar of events going on at the school is also available on our website. The website address was embedded in the letter sent home electronically on September 6th. We are currently attempting a partnership with Fleming College to have our school's website updated.

Edwin Devices- This year, all grade 9 and 10 students will be provided an Edwin device, which is a Chromebook outfitted with an Edwin platform. This platform contains curriculum resources, which is continuing to evolve. This will also be an area of focus for PD for our staff during the upcoming school year.

Upcoming Events-

Booth at Lindsay Fair- Sept 18-22
We Day at Scotiabank Place- Sept 19
Terry Fox Assembly- Sept 23

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Fall Dance- Sept 27

Orange Shirt Day (TLDSB)- Sept 30

IB Grad (tentative)- October 4

October 11- Terry Fox Run

Oct 15-18- Progress Reports (focus on learning skills)

Oct 17- Student Vote Event

Oct 23- Parent Teacher Night 4:30-7 pm

Oct 25- PD Day

Nov 1- Halloween Dance

Nov 7- Honour's Assembly

Parent Engagement Grant \$\$- Parent Council has been given \$500 from the TLDSB to use as we see fit to improve parent engagement. Ideas I've seen in the past include paying for food for students to prepare for Parent-Teacher Night, or paying for some of the costs for Yearbook Distribution Day in June. This can be a discussion item.

New Business Arising from the Reports

Discussion Items

PEG discussion- Last year there were no bouncy castles, electives were offered instead with the hope of attracting more students/less skipping. Last year the money may have gone towards the cost of graduation. SAC doesn't need money for the Yearbook Distribution Day. The money does need to be accounted for through a spreadsheet.

Transition for new parents discussion- A theme of not enough communication home to parents to advise about LINK day and start up. A communication piece home sounds necessary. Some weren't aware that they weren't welcome to attend the LINK day. Discussion that there isn't enough publicity for clubs, etc. Point brought up that the announcements can be reviewed as they are posted on the school calendar. Harrison mentioned he knew about the clubs from the grade 8 visits. An idea for next year would be to have a grade 9 parent session to over the nuts and bolts of high school.

Edwin discussion- builds responsibility, contracts must be signed to get the device. Very few devices were damaged last year, but cords were an issue.

Job Action Question- Is there a strike starting tomorrow- no. This will be a process of negotiation between the province and the unions.

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Action Item for November Meeting- think of ideas of what to do with the \$500 grant. A future action item for January will be to discuss applying for the PRO grant.

Discussion Items on Epipens- carried by students, wouldn't be safe to have them unsecured as they be used inappropriately/pose a danger to others. First Aid question- a number of staff and admin are certified in first aid.

7. Confirmation of upcoming meeting dates

Dates set for upcoming meetings-
November 25th, January 20th, March 30th and May 23rd.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn passed. Next Meeting is November 25th.