

**Colonel By Secondary School
School Council**
**Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, Nov.21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Julie Laurendeau, Adebimpe Egbeyemi, Ruth Gallant, Steve Spidell, Rachel Nakashoji, Lise Baillot-Kultukian, Don Wang, Mary Lebeau, Tracey Pearson, Carla Bonara, James Gupta, Sumeetu Aggerwal, Sue Fu, Harry Qu.

Absent: Paromita Deb-Rinker, Hui Cong, Christine Lalonde, Gisell Delgado

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions (Adebimpe)

2. Approval of Agenda and June, Oct., Sept. Minutes

3. Attendance

4. Reports

1. Student Report (Harry)

- Spirit week will take place the first week of Dec. Students will be grouped in four Houses, e.g. Green Gorillas, etc., to compete in Spirit events.
- Donations will be collected for the snowsuit fund.

2. Principal Report (Steve)

- See attached
- The temporary moratorium on professional development is due to a district-wide shortage of occasional teachers. No training activities can proceed if OTs are required.
- OCDSB has offered the school a new standard school-front sign or the option to purchase a sign with message lettering for an additional \$3,600. Council voted (9-2) for the standard sign.

3. Staff Report (Rachel)

- The IB info nights were held on the week on Nov. 20th.
- The IB2 student exams are registered
- The university and college application process is well underway
- The February report card marks will be the first ones sent to the universities
- Tech classes participated in a virtual water dialogue/town hall
- The Mock trial club participated in debates on the subject of mandatory vaccinations
- The Link Crew ran a leadership course follow-up on time management and organized bring-your-kid-to-work activities
- Debate teams competed at Carleton University and did very well. A regional tournament in English will be held at CB on Dec. 2nd to compete for spots in the provincial tournament.
- Global Changemakers are running a school supply drive (supplies or cash).
- Proceeds from the Thanksgiving Food Drive went to the Gloucester Food Cupboard.
- The Christmas Food Drive is coming up.
- Grade 9 science students enjoyed a field trip to IBM to learn about design.
- The Science IB group had a textile day.

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- Ray Zahab (ultramarathoner) is coming to speak to Grade 12 college level students in the cafeteria on Dec.4th.

4. School Council Report (Don)

- The treasurers recently deposited \$3,957 in council fees, adding to last year's balance of \$662.
- Council is giving the school a \$2,600 cheque for the bursary fund.
- The PRO grant was approved for at least \$1,000.

5. School Council Training Day (Julie, Don)

- Julie attended a workshop about "Bridging Home and School", a general workshop about school council and an advisory committee on equity. There was also info about 25 ideas to use \$500 council funding.
- Don attended a PRO grant event which highlighted the fact that the grant should be targeted to events which reach out to parents. He also attended a workshop about financial procedures for school council.

6. SC General Updates (Adebimpe)

- School council insurance is in place.
- Members are needed for the constitution sub-committee.
- Feb.20th is tentatively set for a Partners for Life info session about mental health and depression. Other options include Rideauwood; the Public Health presentation about addiction; or Dr. Patrick Carney who authored the textbook Well Aware - Developing Resilient, Active, and Flourishing Students, which is used to teach teachers.

7. OCASC

- This position needs to be filled.

8. School Cash Online

- There are some questions regarding the use of School Cash Online for Council Fees and the Colonel By Community Bursary, including issue of tax receipts and the 3% fee charged for the service.

5. Closing

- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec. 19th at 7pm.
- Meeting is adjourned at 9pm.

Minutes prepared by
James Gupta, co-secretary