

**Colonel By Secondary School
School Council
Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Carla Bonora, James Gupta, Don Wang, Hui Cong, Ruth Gallant, Shuxiang Wang, Mary Lebeau, Edgar Velez, Isabelle Lalbin, Steve Spidell, Kimberly Harris

Absent: Lei Gong, Elif Suner, Kenneth Xi, Marc Beaudoin, Kais Al-Iriani, Ahmad El Kaissy, Evis George, Sue Fu, Eleni Pantieras, David Zhu,

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

- 2.** Special presentation by Kathy Sigmund-Scheepers, International Education Coordinator for the OCDSB: introducing the International Certificate Program, a board-wide program for secondary students that recognizes students who have demonstrated a global mindset, enhanced their global citizenship, and pursued intercultural awareness. – 20min+question & answer.

3. Approval of Agenda and November Minutes (James)

4. Attendance / Absentees / Contact Info Updates- (Hui and Elif)

5. Principal Report (Steve)

- Enrollment for 2018-2019 is 1155 students
- Band trip to China for grade 10-12 has been switched to Portugal because of ongoing tensions between Canada and China. Next year's band trip will be grade 9-11.
- Discussion on ways to send out information to parents:
 - Via principal's email
 - Cougar vision posted everyday, speaker announcement, website and YouTube.
 - Council minutes posted on website
 - Other suggestions (on-going discussion)
- Congratulations to one CB student who received perfect score of IBO exams in 2018.
- IB applications for year 2019-2020 are being reviewed for both locations (CB and Merivale High)
- Audio speakers in the gym and Atrium furniture are in place. Thanks to School Council's donation last year which was used to subsidize this purchase.
- Renewed Math Strategy funding has not yet been determined for 2018-2019. Last year's funding was approximately \$10,000. These funds come from Ministry of Education.
- Speakup grant for student was \$5000 last year. No more this year.
- Cross-boundary students transfers were 15 for this school year, although usually only 6 are eligible. No cross-boundary transfers are likely to be accepted for the next school year.

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6. Staff Report (Kimberly)

- Music/Band: 5 ensembles between February to early March
- March Break cultural exchange program has switched destination
- Guidance assembly this week
- Courses selection dates for students are: grade 9 (Jan 28), grade 10 (Jan 25) and Grade 11 (Jan 28), Parent info evening Jan 29.
- The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline is Jan. 16
- The College Info session will be held on February 1

7. Finance Report (Don)

- Received PRO grant of \$1000.00
- To deliver a cheque of \$1621.00 to CBSS for Colonel By Community Bursary this year
- We have \$1451.39 in account to spend
- Account will be transferred from Nova Scotia to CIBC to reduce monthly fee and receive online statements

8. Preparations for Partners for Life February presentation (Carla, James)

- Guest speakers from Partners for Life will present "Depression is reversible" at the Feb. School Council meeting. This presentation, which is being given to all grade 10 students as well, will provide information about depression and the importance of taking care of one's mental health as an adolescent. The focus is on recognizing the signs and symptoms of depression and using concrete strategies to address them.
- Council voted to give an honorarium of \$100 each to the two speakers.
- Ruth volunteered to ask Starbucks for a donation of beverages for the meeting. Council voted to approve a budget of up to \$100 if necessary,

9. Closing

- The next meeting (Partners for Life presentation) will be held on Tuesday **Feb. 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by Hui Cong