

**Colonel By Secondary School
School Council**
**Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, Oct.16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Carla Bonora, James Gupta, Steve, Spidell, Elif Suner, Lei Gong, Marc Beaudoin, Don Wang, Isabelle Lalbin, Surjit Ner, Mary Lebeau, Kenneth Xi, Ahmad El Kaissy, Evis George, Eleni Pantieras, David Zhu, Lewis Harthun, Hui Cong

Absent: Kais Al-Iriani, Najat Sasani, Shuxiang Wang, Tahir Yapici, Edgar Velez, Sue Fu

1. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions (Carla)**
2. **Approval of Agenda and September AGM Minutes (Carla)**
3. **Attendance / Absentees / Contact Info Updates- (James)**
4. **Reports**

1. Student Report (Eleni & David)

- Student council Meet every Tuesday at lunch time
- Leadership camp on October 18th-19th, 30 Grade 9 students will participate
- Lunchtime activities are organised
- Grade 9 students welcoming is organised
- Fun Fridays spirit activities
- Events participation, collecting points in participation. If you win then you win points.
- The Halloween dance will be held on the last Friday of October, between 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Tickets are on sale \$5. Halloween costumes are optional. There is no food, just music and dance. There will be a DJ.
- There is no common Facebook group, but smaller groups exist. Cougar Vision is on YouTube and linked from the Colonel By website. Detailed information is on the school website.
- In the November 14th pancake breakfast, Academic Awards of the previous year will be announced. Parents are invited to join. No help from parents is needed for the preparation.

2. Principal Report (Steve)

- (See attached)
- The school is trying to compress assembly events into one week to minimize disruptions to classes.
- A grade 10-11 presentation about effects of cannabis legislation was held in the gym.
- 12 postsecondary education events
- Academic follow up
- Elections
- Eva Olsen will be visiting grade 10 students to speak about Canadian history on Thursday October 18th.
- Grade 9 students will be going to Leadership camp on October 18th-19th, 2018.
- Ministry mandated focus on Fundamentals of Mathematics skills on the PD day, October 5th. These skills need to be improved especially the gaps in fundamentals

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are important. Grade 9 EQAO results have deteriorated. It is being addressed but there is still more improvement needed.

- Staffing is complete. After arrival of the new students, there are now 425 sections. This resulted in the addition of 5 new classes.
- Grade 10 applied science and Grade 9 geography are separated.
- Vice principal Ruch is on sick leave there are two alternating ones. In November Mr. Ruch will be back.
- Educational assistant position is vacant. Ms. Wheeler is leaving. Next week there will be interviews for this position.
- The visitors will be asked to use the designated routes on the day of Municipal elections.

Budget: Operating budget covers textbooks, etc. and is \$129,000. Leadership need to spend on breakfast funding, school courses. \$30,000 used for consumables, art materials, etc. \$100,000 used for staff replacement when they sick etc. Principal is expecting \$225,000 budget left from last year to be added to this year.

- There were 700 applications in IB program last year.
- 196 spots in Merivale will be opening next year.
- We accept very few students to grade 10 and no students to Grade 11 and Grade 12.
- The big Canada Map will stay with us this week and next week it will travel around.

3. Staff Report (Lewis)

- Field report 80 students last week - 4 different places
- Extended essays of IB Grade 12 will be finishing next Friday.
- Grade 8 students specifically visit for the updated information. For the existing students' sisters or brothers are accepted to CB Grade 9 IB the elder ones are still the student of CB.
- All students whether from other boards or IB schools must apply at grade 9. There will be very few spots available in Grade 10.
- Most Ontario universities will come in the University Information Night on October 23rd. There will be presentations about the application process. Emails will be sent to parents. It is good for grade 11 parents to visit. Power point presentations will be shared

4. School Council Report (Don)

- \$129 was spent on refreshments on meet the teacher night in September.
- Don and Lei will count the received money from parents
- We have applied for the parent reaching out (PRO) grant of \$1000 for the 2018-2019 year.

5. School Council Training Day

School Council Training will be held at 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM on November 3rd for all interested council members. Registration is required. It will be in Gloucester High School.

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6. SC General Updates (Carla)

- The School Council does not traditionally have any fundraising activities because the students are very proactive and successful at raising funds for their own initiatives. School council sub-committees may be formed for special fund-raising if there is interest.
- Conference about addiction will be held on October 18th. It is about the impacts on the brain development.
- The video shown in the event held on Monday, was about smoking and driving, and how others are affected. It was giving impactful prevention messages. There were 600 students attending and carefully listening.

5. Topics of interest for 2018-10-2019

- Last year we organized the “Partners for life” presentation. It was an interesting subject presented by two Professors from UOttawa. Many kids, parents and parents from other schools, in total 120 people, participated. It was about concrete skills of stress management, developing resilience under stress. There were many questions both from kids and parents. These are the issues that we always face with. Maybe at the beginning of the year we can organize, it is better if we can do it earlier. It was very beneficial in educational perspective.
- Pizza was ordered for everybody and honorarium of \$250 was paid to each speaker
- The “Screenagers” Video was presented in the 2016-2017 year to help kids manage their use of electronics devices.
- Steve to search for Public Health presentation on “Cannabis Information Session”

6. Discussion of transportation for IB students

Transportation: A couple of parents had unpleasant experiences dealing with OSTA. It seems there is a common issue. According to the policy, the distance between bus stops is 800 m. However, it does not apply to IB students. Some students have to walk 3.2 K from home to community bus stop, some roads without pedestrian way, and traffic lights are not accessible in some places. More than 20 emails were sent in the last 2 months. No reply. Will coordinate with the school councils of other program schools.

7. Closing

- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday Nov. 13, 2018 at 7pm

Minutes prepared by
Elif & Hui, co-secretary