

## COLONEL BY SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

OCT. 18, 2016 AT 7:00PM

### AGENDA

- **Call to Order, welcome and introductions**
- **Approval of Agenda and September Minutes**
- **Student Report (Francis Coulombe)**
  - 170 grade 9 students attended the September Leadership Camp at Camp Smitty, led by grade 11 and 12 students. This provided the campers with an introduction to high school and focused on Communication.
  - The grade rep. elections were held on Oct. 17 and 18 to elect two student council reps from each grade. There was very strong interest from the students.
  - Spirit Week will begin Oct. 24. The students will be divided by home rooms into four houses who will compete for spirit points through the week and enjoy events like Twin Day and Pyjama Day.
  - Last Year's award winners will be honoured at a pancake breakfast on Oct.28 with fundraising for Open Eyes. Parents are welcome.
  - The week will end with a dance for all grades on Friday Oct.28.
  - A Spring 2017 Leadership camp for grade 10 students will focus on Anti-Bullying.
- **Topics of Interest for 2016-2017 Presentations to Parents**
  - Several possible topics were discussed for potential use of the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant, including: "Benefits and Risks of Social Media", "Sexting and Texting" and last year's topic of "Resilience".
- **Principal Report (Jean Fulton-Hale)**
  - The aerial photo of the whole school body is presented in the display cabinet.
  - CB is currently hosting 14 exchange students from Marseille for two weeks. An agreement was signed for ongoing exchanges, and the director of the Marseille school board visited CB on Oct.18. A return trip to France is planned for 2018.
  - Oct. 28 is the annual Awards Breakfast, which was scheduled in the morning to make it easier for parents to attend, and so students won't have to miss class. Students attend free, while parents enter with a donation to the Open Eyes program. A photo booth will be available for award winners. Former student Brendan Fung will speak about "finding your passion".
  - CB enrollment is up to 1120 students, led by an increase in catchment students. The approximate ratio is currently 40% catchment, 60% IB transfers. The increase enrollment will lead to the hiring of additional teachers.
  - Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for Nov. 17, 3:45-7:45pm, followed by a PD day on Nov. 18. Parents are encouraged to be selective, because it is difficult to meet all eight teachers. Students are welcome to attend, but it is not required. Grade 9 and 10 students will bring home a sign-up form to arrange interviews. Letters of Concern will be sent home on the week of Oct. 17.
  - The board website has a helpful resource, the Parents Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting ([http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/pub/Publications%20%20Updated/Parent%20Guide%20to%20Assessment%20Evaluation%20and%20Reporting\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/pub/Publications%20%20Updated/Parent%20Guide%20to%20Assessment%20Evaluation%20and%20Reporting_FINAL.pdf)) which includes tips for parents regarding parent/teacher communications.
  - The first report cards will go home at the end of November.
  - 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown are held in each half year, (Sept.-Jan.) and (Feb.-June). The first lock-down is scheduled for Oct. For safety, all cell phones must be turned off during lockdowns and students are not permitted to text with parents.

- The school has a new Chief Custodian.
- There was some discussion regarding the school calendar on the website and whether it might include more details. It was also suggested that it might be useful for the athletic director to speak at council.
  
- **Staff Report (Lewis Harthun)**
  - The Fall Food Drive was a success.
  - Field trips are ramping up. 80 students travelled to Stratford to attend 4 plays over a 3 day visit; a Green's Creek field trip was also held.
  - School clubs are also all in full swing.
  - The University Info Night will be held on Oct. 25.
    - Students fulfilling part of their Creativity, Action, Service requirement will hold a bake sale/chili sale to benefit CHEO.
    - A guidance session will be held from 5-6pm.
    - All 30 Ontario universities will be present, with a few others.
    - Mr. Harthun pointed out the reciprocal nature of the event, since universities need students and *vice-versa*.
  - The Remembrance Day ceremony will feature an address from a CB family member currently serving in the Forces.
  - The school recently entered contact info changes in the Managebac system. An email from Managebac and a separate email from the school will be sent to contacts on file to allow parents to check their student's Managebac page. Parents are advised to check their "junk" email folders if they don't receive this info.
  
  - The IB fee request was recently sent home. (Grade 9's have already paid).
  - IB Exam registration for grade 11 and 12 will be the week of Oct. 24.
  - IB info nights are scheduled for Nov.23 and 24. The completed applications must be submitted to the school in-person on Dec. 12, 13 or 14.
  
- **OCASC (Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils) Report (Giselle)**
  - The Sept. 29 OCASC meeting was an info night for new OCASC parents.
  - Sat. Nov. 19 is the School Council training day from 8:30-12:30 at Longfield-Davidson.
  
- **School Council Report – Finance (Lise)**
  - The Sept. bank balance was \$650.39.
  - Council fees of \$4310 were deposited in Oct. Some fees have yet to be deposited.
  - This does not include the PRO grant.
  - \$320 from the PRO grant was spent for the community organizations exhibiting at the Meet-the-Teacher night.
  - The Youth Services Bureau were unable to send a representative to M-t-T, but sent information. Council voted unanimously to donate \$180 from the PRO grant to the Youth Services Bureau to support their programs.
  - OCDSB is performing a routine audit of the CB Council's 2015-2016 books.
  
- **Round Table**
  - The council agreed to obtain estimates for a poster to advertise council activities at events like Meet-the-Teacher.
  - In response to a question about US universities, Mr. Harthun explained that the guidance dept. will give advice, but the responsibility is on the interested family.
  - Parents expressed their appreciation for the excellent Meet-the-Teacher event and for the kindness of teacher-coaches who are volunteering with sports teams.

- **Closing**
  - Meeting adjourned 8:30.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE (START TIMES 7:00PM)**

Tuesday, November 15

Tuesday, December 13

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, February 21

Tuesday, March 21

Tuesday, April 18

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday, June 13