

Colonel By Secondary School School Council

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 21 participants attended meeting

Yousef Bhola	X	Heather McCrimmon	X
Carla Bonora – Co-Chair	X	Sarma Merdian	
Amanda Bradford-Janke – Secretary	X	Saul Mogelonsky – Admin Rep	X
Hui Cong – Co-Chair	X	Jacqueline Oussoren	
Simba Dondo – Student Rep	X	Prince Owusu – Treasurer	X
Kimberly Harris – Teacher Rep		Steven Spidell - Principal	X
Lewis Harthun – IB		Maja Strika	
Rebecca Jaremko		Esin Yanikomeroglu – Student Rep	X
Isabelle Lalbin	X	My-Yen Yu	X
Noni Maringa			

***13 Voting members*

1. Welcome and Introductions (C. Bonora & H. Cong)

2. Approval of October meeting minutes and December agenda (H. Cong)

Motion: Y. Bhola; **Second:** P. Owusu

3. Reports

a. Principal Report (S. Spidell) -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1X6AiDrFGliQaX_IzX0vXIO-M3-mxIFVoWbMNNZGOgNo/edit?usp=sharing

- Curricular operations changes – more group work allowed, return of wind instruments in music, learning commons open (use by classes and book sign-out), yearbook sales have begun
- Extra-curricular operations changes – all clubs return to in-person, limited intramural activities, grade-by-grade only
- Return to concurrent learning no later than early February (not switching before January) date to be announced soon
- Students able to come into the building when they arrive in the morning– trying to keep them in zones while inside
- Student photos – January 21; Retake day for graduate – January 24
- Lockers open for all grades
- Still waiting on information on cafeteria and vending services
- Students will receive 5 rapid antigen tests/student to take home to use over the holidays (Ministry of Education initiative)
- Full disclosure day – April 20 – course and mark does not stay on their transcript if dropped before this day

b. Teacher Report (K. Harris)

- Course selection talks coming up at end of January; college and university applications are underway, and guidance is happy to support students with applications if needed
- December is the time of year when we come together to collect the fixings for a “Holiday Hamper” for a community family in need. As in the fall, current guidelines prevent us from collecting physical donations but we will be collecting monetary

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donations through School Cash Online. All donations raised this holiday season will be split among three different community pathways. The Shepherds of Good Hope provide amazing services and support to vulnerable families in Ottawa. The Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard prepares holiday baskets for patrons accessing their food service. Lastly, we will provide “Holiday Hampers” for our own CB families in need this year. **The program will run from Monday, Dec. 8th to Sunday December 14th, with the following donation choices available on School Cash Online:**

- \$5 donation
- \$20 donation
- \$75 donation – this is the amount we traditionally target for a whole “Holiday Hamper”

Let’s show the community that while we cannot necessarily visit and celebrate in person, we can still share our holiday cheer and send hope for a healthy and happy 2022.

- Colonel By's Youth Connections Ottawa (YCO) club ran a very successful "Stress Shredder" event last Friday. It involved stations set up around the school during the lunch hour where students could write, on a piece of paper, any sources of stress affecting them lately before shredding it into oblivion with a machine and leaving with some candy to munch on. Student feedback we received was very positive. For many, being able to participate in something so casually during the lunch hour signaled a return to normal and made the building feel more like a school than it has for a long time. YCO is run by Chris Langley, Cryssy Savage, Rachel Nakashoji and our Youth Worker Ashley Williams and seeks to improve the mental wellbeing of students throughout the school year in a variety of ways.
- CB is part of a pilot project with Gloucester, Merivale and a couple of local developers responsible for making iContribute, an app that connects students with volunteer opportunities in the community. The app has been updated for pandemic compliance (e.g., some volunteer opportunities are virtual) and is a great resource for students hoping to chip away at their community involvement requirement this year. Even in the pandemic we're working with community partners to keep students engaged.

c. Administrative Report (S. Mogelonsky)

- Happy to welcome new staff member (Ms. Boeva)
- Gratitude to Mrs. Romard for all her dedication to CB over the past 10 years
- Retake day for graduate – January 24

d. Student Representative Report (S. Dondo & E. Yanikomeroğlu)

- Fun Friday – decades day Kahoot with over 100 participants
- Spirit week has had high participation
- Snow suit drive and leadership camps planned but still on hold
- Leadership opportunities for students beginning in January (e.g., grade representative elections)
- Students looking forward to returning to 8 class concurrent schedule

4. School Council Financial Report

- No financial report this month

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5. Discussions

- i. Additional voting members and treasurer nomination (C. Bonora)**
 - Isabelle Lalbin – added as voting member
 - My-Yen Yu – added as voting member
 - Prince Owusu – added as voting member and treasurer
- ii. Superintendent Ms. Mary-Jane Farrish for January 2022 meeting (C. Bonora)**
 - School council would like to pre-collect questions for Ms. Farrish before January meeting
 - School council could also invite Councilor Thierney to a meeting to discuss school bus traffic around CB
- iii. Ideas to support the online donations to school (H. Cong)**
 - On-line donation page support from OCDSB financial analyst – through charity impact organization – donations can be made through webpage
 - Money collected through donation page will be allocated to bursary and CB wish list items
 - All donations will receive a receipt and any donations >\$25 will receive a tax receipt that is automatically generated and sent to person who donated
- iv. New council member orientation and in-person meetings**
 - In-person meetings (hybrid) may be possible soon with community evening rentals starting in schools
 - Council constitution can be summarized at the next meeting
 - Try to organize CB information session
 - This OCDSB website has all the resources for school council members
https://ocdsb.ca/our_schools/school_council/resource_library

6. Closing

- Next meeting will be held on January 18, 2022 at 7pm
- Meeting is adjourned at 7:59 pm

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bradford-Janke (Secretary)