

# Colonel By Secondary School - School Council

## Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

### Attendance:

*Sumeetu Aggerwal – Co-Treasurer		Valerie Duplessis		*Hanan Muharram	
Loukmane Arzim		*Sue Fu	X	Denise Nap	X
*Marc Beaudoin	X	Ruth Gallant – Community Rep	X	Annie Nguyen – Student Rep	X
Neil Berro		*Lei Gong – Co-Treasurer	X	*Sladana Popadich	X
*Carla Bonora – Co-Chair	X	Hounaida Abi Haidar		Neil Rahman – Student Rep	X
*Amanda Bradford-Janke - Secretary	X	Lewis Harthun – IB	X	Steven Spidell – Principal	X
*Rebecca Bromwich		*Fahmi Ismaiel	X	Mainz Tong	
*Elsy Chakkalal	X	Ana Carolina Kolozvari	X	Jancey Wallace – Teacher Rep	X
*Lucie Clermont	X	Isabelle Lalbin	X	*Candice Wishnousky	X
*Hui Cong – Co-Chair	X	Norine McKee – CB		My-Yen Yu	X
Latifa Denna		Sarma Merdian	X		
Maxwell Dondo				<i>19 Members-at-large</i>	
				<b>*14 Voting members</b>	

### 1. Welcome and Introduction – C. Bonora

### 2. Approve of December and January Minutes– H. Cong

- December and January – First: Carla Second: L. Clermont

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1 Principal Report- S. Spidell

#### 1. WELCOME

#### 2. SCHOOL OPERATIONS

- a. **COVID-19 update:** no reported confirmed or suspected cases in 2021.
- b. **Inclement Weather Days:** students who cannot attend because of cancelled transportation should join the at-home cohort. No Reach-Up Days this year.
- c. **Parent-Teacher Interviews:** Feb 25, 2:30-4:00pm and 6:00-7:30pm. Appointments will be booked online. Info being sent to parents on Fri Feb 19.
- d. **Grad Photos:** Process approved for CB and OCV students to access photography services onsite, following strict health and safety protocols. Information will be shared with students and families by the end of February.
- e. **Commencement 2021:** It is presumed that large gatherings will continue to be restricted for several more months. Planning is underway for a virtual ceremony in June 2021. Information will be shared with schools by March 31.

#### 3. BUDGET

- a. **2020-2021 budget:** received. Approximately 50% expended to date. Significant redistribution to cover many expenses and savings related to COVID-19.

- b. **Carryover from 2019-2020:** being held back by Financial Services.

#### 4. FACILITIES

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- a. **Science Lab Renovations:** 3 phases (Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Summer 2022); will require infrastructure upgrades through much of the building.
5. **PROGRAM AND LEARNING**
  - a. **Report Cards:** Issues with Report Card Portal continue. Report #2 will be delivered in hard copy (Cohort B on Feb 17, Cohort A on Feb 18).
  - b. **Course Selections for 2021-2022:** underway.
  - c. **Bashu Secondary School:** friendship arrangement signed.
  - d. **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test:** online pilot for Spring 2021.
  - e. **IB Exams:** scheduled for in-person, May 2021.
6. **DISTRICT AND MINISTRY UPDATES**
  - a. March Break moved to April 12-16; Octomester calendar being revised.
7. **Q&A**

- School transportation cancelled due to inclement weather – Feb 16 – students joined at home cohort if not able to come to school in person
- Grad photos – photos on site at CB – dates to be determined – photos for CB in-person students and OCV students who are CB students – health protocols will be followed as approved by public health
- Commencement for 2021 – looking like large gatherings will not be permitted by public health – currently planning for June virtual ceremony
- Budget – redistribution within budget due to COVID (e.g., photocopy budget low but technology budget very high)
- Science lab renovation – May 2021 prep work in building and dilution tank installation, redistribution of ground floor office space and science classroom and labs, end of November ½ of project done, 4 remaining labs done by summer 2022
- Literacy test being run as pilot program within schools – grade 10 and 11 students online over 2 month window
- March break postponed to April 12-16 (Spring Break) – revising octomester calendar to reflect this change
- IB exams currently scheduled as in-person for CB – 70% of schools around the world have been able to run exams as usual in-person – model is also in place if in-person exams are not available for CB due to health restrictions
- Rapid COVID-testing – may know more at meeting S. Spidell is attending this week

### 3.2 Staff Report – J. Wallace

- Parent course selection meetings Feb 24 – OSSD and IB links to be provided and Feb 22 interaction presentation for OCV
- Senior debate team headed towards provincials
- Black history month – Learning commons has put together display at front of school – “Future is Now” theme – celebration of Black culture

### 3.3 Student Representatives Report – N. Rahman and A. Nguyen

- Match maker results available last week to students – over 400 participants
- Monthly challenges – magic trick contest (January), snowman building contest (extended from December) – winners announced on Cougar Vision, love song Tik Tok (February contest)
- Fun Friday – Feb 5 was animal dress up day and included photos of pet doing chores for battle of grades points, organized Among Us online game

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- March Fun Friday – scheduling another Among Us game and in honour of March Break Hawaiian shirts, etc

#### 3.4 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Statement - L. Gong and S. Aggerwal

- Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec and Jan – annual monthly bank fees paid
- Parent donations to be deposited this month

date	item	cheque number	cheque payable	credit	expense	banking fee	receipt number	receipt approved	Bank account
20190902	opening balance			\$1,210.35					1,210.35
20200930	CIBC monthly fee					\$4.00			1,206.35
20201030	CIBC monthly fee					\$4.00			1,202.35
20201130	CIBC monthly fee					\$4.00	Bank Statement		1,198.35
20201230	CIBC monthly fee					\$4.00			1,194.35
20210115	Christmas cards and gifts		To be reimbursed to Hui		\$99.04		3 Sim & Lei		1,095.31
20210130	CIBC monthly fee					\$4.00			1,091.31
202102	Parent council grant from Ontario Ministry of Education		To be deposit	\$500.00					1,591.31
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,710.35</b>	<b>\$99.04</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>			

#### 3.5 OCASC report – M. Yu

- Presenter by Scientist in School (up to grade 8)
- COW (Committee of the Whole) – female menstrual products to be installed in schools including instructions of proper disposal to students
- Special Education Action Committee – Board providing learning supports for students with educational needs
- Learning support services at the Board – regularly asks schools for funding needs
- Next meeting is later in February

#### 4. Matters for discussion

##### 4.1 Preparation for well-being workshop

- **Parent survey update – I. Lalbin**
  - Survey results - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-3SSJBFG2/>
  - Participation – 16 participants responded
  - Survey shows people don't really go to CB Parent Council website
  - Top topics of interest
    1. Student future – transition to postsecondary studies
    2. Remote learning, octomesters, COVID teaching
    3. Mental Health / Screen time during COVID
- **Student feedback - N. Rahman and A. Nguyen**
  - Surveyed student population – approx. 100 students responded
  - Mental health (COVID-19) seems to be the highest area of interest
  - Stress and burnout with octomester model – less time with teachers and courses are moving very quickly
  - Hard to stay motivated due to lack of social interaction – online interactions doesn't feel the same, in-person is very different with social distancing – students having hard time knowing how to adapt to lack of social interaction

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- Council will email Board communications to see if we can get approved speaker list, will also email CHEO to see if they have any suggested resources
- Workshops could/should be open to both parents and students
- Suggested potential guest speaker: Thierry Karsenti M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D. He holds the Canada Research Chair on information and communication technologies in education. He is also a professor at the Université de Montréal. With his team, he conducts research in four main sectors: the impact of technologies on teachers and learners (especially university students), innovations in education and artificial intelligence.

#### **4.2 School Council fund washer & dryer update**

- 2021 council support to school – approved up to \$900 plus donation = approx. \$2,000 available to purchase washer/dryer for school, CB will top up to \$3,000 to give a bit more room for options to meet needs of school
- R. Gallant has resumed starting to look for options to purchase by end of year

#### **5. Closing**

- Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm**
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:21 pm
- Minutes prepared by: Amanda Bradford-Janke, Secretary