

Colonel By Secondary School - School Council

Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

1. Welcome new council members and student reps (C. Bonora)

2. New council executive election (S. Spidell)

- C. Bonora & H. Cong – Co-Chairs - acclaimed
- A. Bradford-Janke – Co-Secretary – acclaimed
- L. Gong – Co-Treasurer – acclaimed
- R. Gallant – Community representative – appointed
- Vacant - OCASC Representative

Interest expressed to fill remaining executive positions (need to check who if voting member, will revisit at next meeting):

- I. Lalbin – Co-Secretary
- M. Beaudoin – Co-Secretary
- H. Muharram – Co-Secretary
- A. Kolozsvari – Co-Treasurer
- S. Aggerwal – Co-Treasurer
- My-Yen Yu – OCASC rep

3. October 2020 minutes approval

First: C. Bonora **Second:** S. Aggerwal

4. Reports

Student Council Report (A. Nguyen and N. Rahman)

- Spirit week – daily themes – to encourage participation opened to students at home as well as in-person using Instagram
 - Battle of the grades – every grade gets points for participating – so far good participation from each grade
- Fun Friday – monthly CB tradition – first Friday of each month
 - Cougar vision and Instagram
 - Thursday and Friday to ensure all students can participate in-person

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- Monthly video challenges – top 3 selected – prize from the Den and featured on Cougar Vision
- CB's Got Talent – 30 second videos
- Spirit week, Fun Friday and Video Challenge to continue in December
- Pen pal for grade 9's – optional for all students – Annie and Neil personally emailed every grade 9
- Highschool happenings – every Sunday 6:00pm Rogers TV – back up and running
- When come back in 2021 will determine if more and/or different events can be added

Principal Report (S. Spidell)

1. School Operations

a. COVID-19 update

- i. [Daily Self-Assessment](#)
- ii. 2 student cases since September; both resolved; OPH investigation determined that they were not in school while contagious.
- iii. [OCDSB COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
 - CB is 6th largest school in the district – CB numbers are very low given size of school
 - Students are following recommendations very well and care staff are following thorough cleaning protocols

b. Operations

- i. Teachers on Leave (coverage) since September: R. Cooke (Justin Lee); B. Guindon (L. Juhnke); A. Lacasse (A. MacDonald).
- ii. Current enrollment: 1042 students in-person. Approximately 90 chose OCV.
 - high proportion of in-person learners (over 90%) – higher than seeing in most other secondary schools
- iii. Current section allocation: 371; 61.83 FTE. (last year = 415; 69.17 FTE)
- iv. IB Information Night
 1. Nov 18 @ 7:00pm by Zoom webinar
 2. [promotional video](#) – created to replace in-person school visits
- v. Commencement for Class of 2020:
 1. Dec 10 @ 7:00pm
 - via YouTube for all OCDSB schools – will be pre-recorded and will be live until end of January 2021
 2. Grad refund of \$10.
 - \$35 commencement fee - \$25 will be used to cover different related expenses and \$10 refund will be given to students
 3. Comms tomorrow.
 4. Top District Scholar = CB student - Sheel Ayachi

2. Budget

- a. Schools still waiting for 2020-2021 budget; advance of 30% of last year's budget received.

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3. Facilities

- a. Improvements since last year: bus loop temporary resurfacing; new roof on gym; new sign at entrance.
- b. Improvements pending: bus loop redesign; science labs; windows on west side.

4. Program and Learning

- a. Learning Commons resources (Jancey Wallace, Teacher-Librarian)
 - Learning commons virtual for 2020/21 – google classroom to support students – google meet went out to all students
- b. International Certificate Program = 60 participants.
- c. IB Exams, May 2021 – format may look different, but they will happen

5. District and Ministry Updates

- a. EQAO Math (Grade 9): TBD
- b. EQAO OSSLT
 - i. waived for students who need it to graduate this year.
 - ii. model and format TBD.
 - Literacy test – waived for students who need it for graduation this year, scheduled to take place in spring for all other students
- c. Community Involvement
 - 20 volunteer hours ONLY for class of 2021 all other students still required to have 40 hours

Staff Report (K. Harris)

- No teacher reports this month

Financial Report (L. Gong)

- No financial report this month

5. PRO grant application (H. Cong)

- Have to double check in program is available this year
- Purpose to get parents engaged in student's education
- Previous years amount \$1,000
- Can be used for workshops, parent information sessions, etc – have to have specific topic, apply for funding and then provide report
- Last year school council hosted 3 parent information seminars – once confirmed that program is running, we can run parent survey for ideas and plan sessions for 2020/21

6. Carpool Program

- Can create Facebook group to organize carpool group – looking for admin for group

7. Q&A

- No current direction about possible future school closures after December holiday break
- 2021 commencement currently booked for end of June – too early to say what we will be able to do
- Photo day – still waiting for information on how to proceed

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- Will there be any adjustments to IB program given student experience over the last few school years?
 - Much thought has been put into this – this year IBO has adjusted what is on May 2021 exams – but they look at this on exam period to exam period
 - Students continue to work on skills for IB during these years to prepare for the exams
- If student required to self-isolate, they can be working at home (if not ill) and can participate in synchronous learning, if they are ill then CB will work with student to provide alternative activities/assessments as necessary

8. Meeting Schedule for 2020/21 School Year

- December 15, 2020
- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021
- March 9, 2021
- "Students Well Being Seminar" – postponed

9. Closing

- Next meeting will be held on December 15, 2020 at 6:00pm
- Meeting is adjourned at 7:16pm
- Minutes prepared by: Amanda Bradford-Janke, Co-Secretary