

Colonel By Secondary School School Council

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 42 participants attended meeting

Yousef Bhola	X	Noni Maringa	
Carla Bonora – Co-Chair	X	Heather McCrimmon	X
Amanda Bradford-Janke – Secretary	X	Sarma Merdian	X
Hui Cong – Co-Chair	X	Saul Mogelonsky – Admin Rep	X
Simba Dondo – Student Rep	X	Steven Spidell - Principal	X
Kimberly Harris – Teacher Rep	X	Maja Strika	X
Lewis Harthun – IB	X	Esin Yanikomeroğlu – Student Rep	X
Rebecca Jaremko			

***12 Voting members*

1. Meeting Protocols (S. Spidell) - <http://colonelby.com/schoolcouncil.html>

2. New Council Election (S. Spidell)

Voting Members

- Yousef Bhola
- Carla Bonora – Co-Chair
- Amanda Bradford-Janke - Secretary
- Hui Cong – Co-Chair
- Rebecca Jaremko
- Noni Maringa
- Heather McCrimmon
- Sarma Merdian
- Abdulrezzak Muhammed
- Jacqueline Oussoren
- Maja Strika

P. Owusu volunteered to be treasurer but is not currently a voting member of council – C. Bonora, H. Cong and S. Spidell to determine how to move forward with this position.

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

4. Reports

a. Principal Report (S. Spidell)

- **Islamic History month**
- **Staffing 2021-2022:** 1086 students; 378 sections; 63.00 FTE teachers; 2.00 FTE Vice-Principals; 4.50 FTE Admin & support; 1.00 FTE EA's and technicians
- **Operations 2021-2022:** Loss of 5 sections as a results a reduced student enrollment compared to projections for 2021-2022 (Gr 9 band 2 x 0.50; Gr 10 band 2 x 0.50; Credit recovery 1.00; Reserve section 1.00)
- **Extra-curricular Activities:** Currently have 7 athletics teams running in Fall (masks, hand sanitizing, no spectators). Clubs are also starting to meet in-person effective October 12 – focusing on student voice groups (e.g., student council, Black excellence, SAGA, Youth Connections). “Third Class” (e.g, Senior Band, Cougar Vision, Link Crew) are staying virtual for now.
- **Budget 2021-2022:** Advance on this year’s budget not yet received – no update currently available. CB has received Breakfast Club and Student Success grants. CB pending grants. Still have \$4-5,000 surplus from last year that will be added as carryover to this year’s budget.
- **Building Updates:** Painted all parts of building, replaced main floor ceilings
- **Policy Review – Appropriate Use of Technology:** Co-Chairs will consult the council on the policy so they can fill out form and submit by November 30th deadline

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- **Return to School:** Ontario marks based 100% on term work (no exams – district level decision), IB currently planned to run exams May 2022. All field trips currently on pause. Grad photos will happen in November and student photos on hold. Cafeteria and vending services remain closed. Commencement plans are unknown at this time. Grade 9 students have been issued to lockers, but other grades do not have lockers at this time.
- **School Council Meetings:** Will remain virtual for now. Meeting dates - December 7, January 18, February 15, April 5, May 17, June 14 at 7:00pm.

b. Teacher Report (K. Haris)

- **English** – Literacy test for Grade 11, date not finalized yet, 1-hour long test in library in the morning on school Chromebooks that have software loaded on them. Grade 10 will be done later in the year.
- **Canadian World Studies** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) – QR codes around the grounds that students could engage with. Messages from students posted throughout the school.
- **School Sports/Clubs** – Teachers have signed up to help coach for the Fall teams. Morning practices are happening and after school games. Teachers also helping to supervise with virtual clubs.
- Music Department saddened by loss of Band sections this year
- \$3,000 raised by school community local food cupboard

c. Admin & Support Report (S. Mogelonsky)

- Email cbattendance@ocdsb.ca to let school know about absences, late arrival, early departure, illnesses

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

- Students excited to come back to school and looking forward to running signature CB events
- Fun Friday October 8 – good participation across all grades
- Annual snow suit drive planned for later this year – details to come regarding physical donations and/or monetary donations
- We will run events that can be run with current COVID safety protocols (e.g., Spirit Weeks, October costume contest, video contests)
- Conditional events depending on COVID restrictions (e.g., dances, food drives, community events)

5. School Council Financial Report (H. Cong)

- Financial statement – balance as of end of August \$288.31
- Parent Reaching Out grant – will need to apply for funding if available
- Washer and dryer were purchased for the school and are already in use

6. Closing

- Next meeting will be held on December 7, 2021 at 7pm
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bradford-Janke (Secretary)