

School Council Meeting, Nov 15, 2022

Attendance

Trevor Grills - Principal X
Amanda Bradford-Janke – Co-secretary X
Julie Burke X
Hui Cong – Co-Chair X
Heather McCrimmon X
Carla Bonora – Co-Chair X
Saul Mogelonsky – Admin Rep X
Jacqueline Oussoren X
Prince Owusu – Co-treasurer X
Ruth Gallant – Community Rep X
Janet Hare
Litsa Karamanos
Mary Martin
Elke Reissing
Maja Strika – Co-treasurer X
Kimberly Harris – Teacher Rep X
Johanne Weberpals – Co-secretary X
Natalie Hrga – Student Rep X
Agustya Mani– Student Rep X

1. Welcome and introduction: first in person council mtg after the pandemic. Thanks to Trevor, Kimberley and Natalie
2. Approval of Oct Mtg minutes and Nov Agenda: Approved

3. Reports

3.1 Principal report: Principal Trevor Grills.

Arts

- All arts are in full swing
- Music Repertoire continues weekly
- Visual Arts are putting up Artwork around the school
- Murals are being planned to update previous murals
- Musical Theatre Production has been announced: Adam's Family
- Auditions for Dance, Vocals, Monologue begin on November 28th
- Auditions for Pit Orchestra coming up

Academics

- Math Contests have started
- We are working with students on the learning renewal
- Funding is being provided for Grade 11 and 12 students to join classes during the day
MTH1W (Grade 9 destreamed math)
MPM2D (Grade 10 destreamed math)

ENG1D (Grade 9 Destreamed English)
SNC1W (Grade 9 Destreamed Science)
FSF1D (Grade 9 Destreamed French Immersion)
FIF1D (Grade 9 Destreamed Core French)
CGC1D (Grade 9 Destreamed Geography)

-Tutoring Community Support Programs and Virtual Tutoring run Tuesday to Thursday from 4:00-7:00pm. Many students have already benefited. Requires login to access with teachers quickly available (reminder of access to be included in newsletter).

-Term 1 ended on November 8th

-Report Cards are being written and students have had 21 or 22 classes in each subject up to that date (most classes have only had 2-3 tasks). As go along, mark becomes more accurate.

-Based on a snapshot at each reporting period from the available evidence of learning gathered from products like tests and assignments, conversations with students, and observations of student learning

-Report cards will be sent electronically on Wednesday, November 30, you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) to access the report card

-Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 24th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

-Some groups and clubs will be present in the Atrium

-There are limited spots per teacher

-Before booking, consider if the appointment is time sensitive and necessary for the improvement of your child's achievement and well-being

-Bookings take place electronically through the link emailed home:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/cbyss>

-Regular communication between school and home is encouraged

-Encourage conversations to be based on comments, learning skills, and student learning needs

-First point of contact should be between the student and teacher, or parent and teacher

-Use tiered interventions to support students starting with the classroom teacher, school based support staff, admin, and then board level and community supports

-IB

TOK (Theory of Knowledge)

-Students had their first TOK writing session last week where they began to unpack the possible prompts for their essay.

-The second session will occur the morning of the 14th of December.

Grade 12 Group Project Day

- Tomorrow is Group 4 Project Day when all of our grade 12 IB Learners will work together across all of the science disciplines on the same task.
- This is meant to highlight the interdisciplinary relationship of the sciences and provide students an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary work

IB virtual information session

- November 22nd will be our IB virtual information session for the Ottawa community for families with students in grade 8 or 9 who are interested in having their child join the IB program. In conjunction with Merivale. Application on district website and CB website,
- The session will be recorded and made available for all who may be unable to attend.

IB Exams

- Registrations for IB exams have all been input into the IB system for students in grade 11 and grade 12.
- Exams will take place in May.
- More logistical information will follow closer to the start of exams.
- Any related exam fees have been added to SCO for students taking exams.
- Financial assistance remains available for families requiring aid.

Athletics

- Fall Season has finished
- Senior Boys Volleyball won First Place in the Silver Division
- Novice Boys Cross Country Team came Second Place at OFSAA and Owen Siderous came Second in the Province

- Winter Sports will be:
- Junior Boys' Basketball
- Nordic Skiing
- Boys' Curling
- Girls' Curling
- Boys' Contact Hockey
- Senior Girls' Volleyball

Menstrual Equity Project

- Following the board motion, Colonel By will be providing menstrual pads free of charge to students
- There will be posters to clearly identify where these products can be found.
- They are in the Guidance Waiting Room, our Student Success Room, and Phys Ed Office
- Students don't have to ask for them, they can just take what they need. Product dispensers will also be installed in washrooms later this school year.

Student representative report by Natalie Hrga and Augustya Mani:

- Pancake breakfast for CHEO, Big reveal at pancake breakfast: new mascot.
- Tchoukball competition: Student council vs student at lunchtime
- snowsuit drive in a couple of weeks.
- Halloween dance had a good turnout. May potentially have another seasonal dance later.

3.3 Staff report by Ms. Kimberly Harris.

- 3.3.1 Library/learning commons has display areas, two of which are used by clubs. Many teachers are attached to a club, for example student voice, olive branch club, eco club, etc.
- 3.3.2 Delf testing for gr 12 students, 125 students will participate.
- 3.3.3 Mr. Richardson: music band retreat, guest clinicians will attend. Students will get session from Governor General footguard. Winter concert on Dec 8, 5\$ for students. Funds to go back into the music program.
- 3.3.4 Students to propose suggestions for books for the library.

3.4 Administrative report by Saul Mogelonsky: Ms. Houston has a plan for some of the families. Usually have family hampers; may have donations instead for some CB families in need. May do gift cards and use funds to buy a hamper. Support from council offered. Gloucester food cupboard one of target recipients. Do as a community. Grad photos finishing this Friday, most of grads are having photos taken, composite to be made.

3.5 School council monthly financial report by Prince Owusu : began year with 376\$, now 368\$ in account. Transfer from district level to be made. Board to issue another cheque in Jan (parent involvement funds). Usually receive 500\$ for school council. “My charity” funds are funds parents have donated to school council (over 300\$).

4. Discussions

4.1 Recap October activities

- 4.1.1 Student well-being: Lunch and Learn workshop, presented by Carla, first one was last week, Pizza was included, special thanks to Ruth. Title was “how to manage stress at school and at home”, speaker Amelia, has done this for last few years – 15min presentation with slides available on school council website. She was good at engaging with the youth. Topic of research: how to manage stress, sleep, procrastinating. Over 60 participants. Honoria for each session was supported by council; 150\$ for last presentation. Well received by students! Gr 12 students recognized as being stressed. Question: who do students go to? Guidance team who is trained in student well-being/mental health. Allocations to specialists trained from addictions counsellor, etc. to provide additional support. Guidance counsellors noted to have specific skills. Concern expressed that they may be overwhelmed given student requirements. It was noted that there are 3 guidance counsellors, but no social worker. Team effect: in-school supports provided, work

with teachers to allow support. Acknowledgement of good work performed by guidance counsellors. Board/community supports are available to help with school supports. Often first point of contact is vice-principal. No one should feel shouldn't have support when they need it.

4.1.2 Second workshop may be in Feb.

4.1.3 Submitted year-end report for 2021-2022: pdf file submitted to school board.

4.2 Planning fundraising events for the year:

4.2.1 Discussion took place regarding setting up a fundraising and event committee: goal for community bursary, 4-5 students in need will get \$ for university. Overwhelming response from parents before pandemic. No recent fundraising during pandemic. Other purpose is for principal/teachers' "wish list", eg/ washer/dryer. Garden tools to school. Decided to have one committee for both. First event P/T interview, good opportunity to meet parents, give info about school council, later Christmas social event. Volunteers requested and members offered. Question: can we sell food, not at every time because we have a cafeteria. Need to check if may be done at other times. Decided no chair for the committee at the moment. Meeting may be online or in person. Heather and Maja kindly offered to be in the fundraising/event committee.

4.2.2 Art/pottery fundraising workshop – for December, art class + materials, open to parents/students. Funds will go to school council. Suggested best to do after Christmas given extra expense and risk of lower attendance. Support for this expressed.

5. Closing – next meeting: Tues Dec 6, 2022 at 7:00pm a social, potluck