

Minutes meeting date : Nov. 05, 2013

Harbord Parent Council (HPC)

6:30- 8:30 Harbord Staff Lounge , Harbord Collegiate Institute (HCI)

Present:

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1/ General Discussion of Goals of Harbord Parent Council

- give insight to parents what is happening in the school
- behind the scenes assistance to teens as they transition to adulthood
- fostering local community
- assisting student initiatives and SAC

2/ Parent Involvement Group

- Nick - assist to parents to understand & navigate the system
- attendance rise & fall- had guest speaker discussing children rights in the system
- discuss trip to France
- clubs- how to involve kids who don't join clubs-
- Liz- assist w/ anxiety issues- also workshops
- Andre suggests SAC attendance at Parent Involvement Group or other parent committees
- Vince - any parent needing more info about anything - can come see him directly - eg. last yr. mental health initiatives- school has social worker & psychologist resources

3/ Discussion of how Parent Council can help SAC

- a) Harbord Week- winter activity day - March Feb.- horseback riding, bowling, skiing
- in school activity- movie at lunch -yoga- parent teacher involvement necessary-
 - **need parent volunteers**

b) Dance in Gym- in December - date to be set- 7-11pm evening event

- Alexandria Balkaran is SAC coordinator - Mr. Pressaud & Ms. Felix are teacher contacts for SAC
- discuss security for dances- Alexandria will ask super student council what other schools do

- **need parent volunteers** - coordination, event security and to pick up supplies-

c) Semi formal- late March- planning to follow

d) Breakfast Program

- Andre Roy is SAC Coordinator- Ms. Kim staff advisor
- completing final planning- doing school survey Nov. 7
- hopes to start Nov. 22
- has support from Toronto Foundation for Student Success <http://tfss.ca/> and FoodShare <http://www.foodshare.net/>
- Andre will ask Key Club etc. to get student volunteers
- **need parent volunteers** and looking for \$\$ donations which would be coordinated thru the office

4/ **Principal's Report**

- 180 grads at commencement- \$120k awards & bursaries- covered by local magazine <http://villagelivingmagazine.ca/a-trip-back-to-high-school/>
- bike club did a ride Oct. 29- had 11 here & 15 Central Commerce went to Dufferin Park
- Terry Fox Run October (?)
- PD Day Feb. 15 - learning about Aboriginal Heritage issues- school curriculum leader will put info on line for school resource
- Remembrance Day - Nov. 11-2 assemblies- Grades 9&12/ 10 & 11-wll have guest speaker
- school awards breakfast-Nov. 14 late start 10:10-cash awards
- PD Day Nov. 15
- Nov. 28- Interim Report Cards go out - last week sent out letters of concern to 300 of 1100 students
- Dec. 12 - Parent Teacher Conf. - afternoon and evening sessions
- Parents can also contact school at any time for more information or if there s a concern
- Sports Teams have been very successful this year
- school budget to improve technology at school -adding internet in 14 class room
- Caring and Safe Schools Committee- composed of teachers, caretakers, VP & Principal- **requires Parent volunteer**
- Gr. 10 student essay was picked up by York Univ. website- Vince will put link in "At a Glance"

5/ **French Exchange**

- had 7 students do it this year- Aug- Nov. French students are here Feb. to April, Harbord students are there
- students expected to do school work of both schools
- French school has 8-9 hour day vs. 6 hour day here
- students recommend participating in lower grades as too high work load in 11/12
- Alison can set up info session in coord. w/ French teacher

6/ **Student Rights**

- previously a parent had proposed to do a workshop on student's legal rights
- Kowser will fwd email follow up

7/ **Meeting Protocol**

- suggestion to get a white board and have a meeting chair/moderator to keep meeting on track
- previously guidance rep. attended meetings

8/ Communications

- Rick had email discussion w/ Fergus Heywood about setting up a Parent Council FaceBook Group but meeting ran out of time before it was discussed
- Rick will follow up

Next HPC meeting date December 4

Minutes by Rick Wong

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