

GEORGE S HENRY ACADEMY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES



Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Conference Room

In Attendance

Laura Pagnotta, Principal	Malalai Majboor	Julia Ignatova
Paul Cook, Chair	Nii Marmon	Sergii Ignatov
David Mindenhall, ACL - Guidance	Lubna Daniyal	Vishala Kunjal

Approval of the Minutes

- November minutes were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Update

- We received an additional 1.5 FTE staff for semester 2 which resulted in the opening of 9 new class sections. Student timetables are being adjusted and waitlists for courses are being addressed.
- Preliminary enrolment projection for 2024/2025 is 521. Along with this comes a second DD program to service the 13 students that are projected for that program. This is an increase from last year's preliminary projection of 457. Once Out-of-Area process is concluded at the end of January, the board will have a final projection for the school, and we will be staffed on that final projection.
- Staffing will begin right after the March Break when the board gives us our numbers.
- School Council budget is \$1053. The \$500 increase is the Parent Engagement Fund. If parents have ideas of speakers or workshops for parents, please let Principal Pagnotta know. Last year, funds were spent on fridge magnets and school barbecue.
- Exams: January 24-30; Exam Review Day: January 31 (morning); PA Day: February 1; Sem 2: Feb 2; Important that students come for Exam Review Day

Course Selection Process Presentation

- Mr. David Mindenhall, ACL of Guidance, gave a presentation on the Course Selection Process
- February is course selection month. Classes will be scheduled to computer labs with Mr. Mindenhall to do their course selections. Classroom teachers will have the presentation as well, so they can watch in class, or it can be taken home.
- By end of February course selection submissions must be completed.

- Students are provided with a Course selection guideline (based on grade) - designed to help focus on what they would pick in their grade. This guideline shows courses, and links course codes with courses. There is a link to our courses via the quick links on the school website as well.
- Please see link to the [Course Selection Presentation](#).

Other Business

- No items

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm