

Humberside Collegiate Institute (HCI) School Advisory Council Minutes - Monday November 19, 2018

7:00pm

Present: P. Bhargava, K. M. Cole, C. Craig, J. Deschamps, G. Dunphy, R Hansen, C. Lopes, M. Machamer, C. McLeod, K McLaren, P. Srebrnic, J. Thibault,

Minutes of 4 June 2018 approved (P. Srebrnic moved, K. McLaren seconded_

Agenda approved (P. Srebrnic moved, K. McLaren Seconded).

No Student Council Report

Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported that responsibility for the Chair would transition from P. Srebrnic to R. Hansen.
- The Chair reported that the Ontario government has placed a pause on all grants for Schools.
- The Chair noted that a Communications representative is still needed, but that KGH has agreed to update the website. He is, however, still waiting for the passwords and nothing can be done until these are provided.

Principal's Report

- The Principal noted that, as noted in last month's discussion, Commencement cannot take place on a PA day. Discussions on whether to hold Commencement in June or in the autumn are continuing. There is as yet no consensus. There are many arguments for holding Commencement in June, but it creates a great deal of work for staff.
- One member suggested that parent volunteers could help. The Principal reported that work on awards, and on anything grade-dependent, cannot be taken on by volunteers because of confidentiality and data protection issues. In practice, this greatly limits what volunteers can do.
- The 'mindfulness' workshop will happen on 21 November with the aim of enhancing parenting and student-parent relationships.
- On attendee raised the question of a grade 9-10 basketball team. Unfortunately, there was no staff volunteer member and thus it could not be offered. The School does hope to offer alpine skiing.

Standing Committee Reports:

Safe and Caring Schools is looking for more student involvement. The focus this year will be on School culture and in particular on encouraging 'civil courage' by allowing students to report concerns without fear of peer censure, thus underpinning a culture of civility and kindness.

The Standing Committee is considering ways of working with other groups to magnify the message. There are now teachers in the hallway during announcements. The Standing Committee is encouraging greater civility, concern, and a sense of community between various grades.

Treasurer: no reports

Communications: As noted, we are still looking for a representative.

Pool: At this point, the community is heavily involved in the use of our pool. There are no concerns for its viability.

Ward C: The Ward has expressed concerns about communications from and about schools. It is encouraging both the use of exclusively official platforms and great care with platforms that could become venues for inappropriate communication. The Ward encourages the use of government websites to disseminate information. This has relevance for how SAC organizes its own communications and particular any ambitious plans for using social media.

The Ward is organizing consultations around the Health and Physical Education curricula. Capital items are on hold pending the provincial budget.

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- In the light of media reports of events at SMCS, The School reaffirms its zero-tolerance policy toward bullying.
- In the event that concerns about bullying are raised with any SAC member, those concerns are to be reported and referred to the Principal of the School.

The committee adjourned at 8:25pm.