

Humberside Collegiate Institute (HCI) School Advisory Council Minutes - Monday October 15, 2018

7:00pm

Present: P. Bhargava, R Hansen, C. McLeod, K McLaren, K. M. Cole, P. Srebrinic

Minutes of 4 June, 2018 approved (P. Srebrinic moved, K. McLaren seconded)

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

No Student Council Report

Report from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed new parents to the Council.
- The Chair noted that the student representative will keep the Council informed of student activities and concerns and will attend next month's meeting.
- The Chair noted that we are still looking for a Treasurer. It was noted that the Council's accounts are in good shape.
- P. Bhargava volunteered for the position of Treasurer.
- C. McLeod volunteered to be Ward 7 representative and will continue to serve as Pool Representative.
- K. M. Cole volunteered to be co-Chair.
- The Chair noted that some grant applications are still outstanding. The committee will be informed of results as they come in.
- The Chair noted that all minutes have been uploaded to the School website.

Principal's Report

The principal noted that the School is over-enrolled by a modest 25, but that there is an imbalance in class sizes. Some teachers have higher student-contact numbers than the Board allows. The School requested and received a new position and is looking to rebalance the classes. The School is currently hiring an English and Mathematics teacher.

The committee considered a suggestion to secure a volunteer from a university kinesiology department to assist the gym teachers. The principal will follow up with the gym teachers to see if there is interest.

The principal noted that the History Trip to Europe is upcoming in November.

The principal reported that MindfulnessEveryday.org proposes a Mindfulness for Parents Workshop in November. The committee agreed that we should move forward with this.

The principal briefed the committee on ongoing discussions about Commencement, which currently occurs on a PA day in October. This is no longer possible. The committee gave its views and wished the Principal and staff well in consulting stakeholders and making a decision.

The Principal discussed a new model for the Honours programme. The discussion will continue.

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None. The committee adjourned at 8:20pm.