

**Humberside Collegiate Institute (HCI)**  
**School Advisory Council: Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
**January 24 2022 @ 7 pm – 8:30 pm**

**7:00- 7:05 Welcome, Introductions, Actions (J. Kohler)**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None.
- No approval of prior minutes.

**7:05 - 7:15 Student Council Report and Humberside Athletic Council (HAC) Report (D. Foster and L. Mackay)**

- Student Council reported that on February 3, they will convene a coffee hour at 4:30 pm so that junior students can gain insight about course selection from senior students. It is open to all students. Student Council is also offering Matchmakers again this year for all students. This is a survey that is a fun match up activity for students. It is done through a digital survey and for a small fee.
- HAC reported that its toy drive was a success and resulted in the donation of 150 toys to Kids with Incarcerated Parents (KIP) with a total value of over 4000 dollars.
- HAC Athletic wear is being distributed at lunch from February 3, 4 and 7 and may be launched again in the Spring.
- On February 26, HAC will be highlighting Bells' Let's Talk by way of sharing student mental health experiences.
- HAC is also working on promoting Black History Month in February and planning a Huskies Versus event in support of the SickKids Versus campaign. This will likely be a hockey night and will take place outdoors.

**Action:** Student Council Report and the HAC Report will be a standing inclusion going forward.

**7:15 pm - 7:25 Report from Chair (J. Kohler (temporary chair))**

- Follow up about vaping in the bathrooms – a past item raised at the SAC November meeting – was requested.
- C. Tyrell reported that she and VPs know that vaping is a growing concern. This is not an issue particular to HCI but rather a concern throughout the TDSB. One of the ways the Principal and VPs are working on ways to reduce it is to discourage students from congregating, increasing safety monitors in the halls and encouraging students to be respectful of each other.

**Action:** Efforts continue to be made to reduce vaping in bathrooms and there is continuous monitoring of the situation.

**7:25– 8:05 Principal's/VP's Report (C. Tyrell/I. Lopez/R. Palmer**

**Principal's Report**

- C. Tyrell explained some of the revised COVID public health measures that will be put in place at HCI. For one, if a COVID case is detected, the class cohort will no longer be dismissed. Instead, the class that is impacted will be advised about the case.
- HVAC systems are in place in the halls and teachers have HEPA filter machines are in each class and are asked to keep them on. When weather permits, teachers are also asked to keep their windows open.
- 3-ply masks and rapid COVID tests are available to students. Parents are asked to remind students to do self-assessments every day and with integrity.
- HCI has an improvement plan in place that is focused on three areas: (1) achievement; (2) well-being and (3) equity. The Well-Being focus this year is on healthy relationships.
- The pandemic has had a negative impact on how students socialize particularly for students in the lower grades. HCI is working with organizations outside the school to invest in programs that educate students on how to build healthy relationships.
- A Graduation Coach for Black Students has joined HCI and will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are only 11 coaches throughout the TDSB. The coach will work with students who identify as Black and provide additional support to them. This is a Ministry of Education and TDSB initiative.
- Parents are being asked to please pay the school activity fee (which includes funding for the yearbook, student council and athletics). The fee is needed particularly this year for the yearbook and are reduced.

**VP's Report**

- I. Lopez advised the SAC that final report cards will be distributed to students electronically by February 11, 2022.
- Credit Rescue will take place as well on January 27, 28 and 31, 2022.
- R. Palmer noted that the student semester two timetables will be distributed by email by Feb 3, 2022.

**Course Selection Overview**

- M. Sawa gave a presentation on the course selection process. Course selection for next school year will take place from February 3 – March 4. *(please refer to attached PPT)*

**Student Mental Health and Well-Being**

- HCI's new Child and Youth Worker, C. Moore gave a presentation on her role at HCI and on student emotional well-being *(please refer to attached PPT)*.

**8:05 – 8:25 Standing Committee Reports**

Treasurer (Joanna Forester)

- J. Forester noted that there is about \$400 available for the SAC to put toward student activities this year.

Safe & Caring Schools (Heather Johnston)

- No news to report

Ward 7 (Glenn Dunphy & Jillian Kohler)

- G. Dunphy noted last Ward 7 meeting was focused on COVID-19 issues. The meeting also highlighted *Reporting and Responding to Racism and Hate Incidents Involving or Impacting Students in Schools* in TDSB (see <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Detail/docId/2227>)

**7:45 – 8:30 Other Business**

- None

**8:30pm Adjournment of Meeting**