

Parent Council Meeting Minutes:

Meeting started 6:34pm

Present in person: Soma Choudhury (Co-Chair), Ali Lila (Co-Chair), Anita Ghazariansteja (Principal), Christine Lee (Vice Principal), Samantha Juruc (Teachers Rep), Andrew Gresham, Eric Gresham, Larissa Mottaz, Xuan Luc, Mary Sayyad, Raj Persaud, Scott Moore

Approval of Agenda: moved to adopt agenda (Ali Lila motion, Scott seconded). Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: confirm vendors are "nut free". Scott moved, Raj seconded

Samantha Juric (Teacher):

- 12 days of giving, Northview Tradition of 8-9 years. Ways for school to give back to the community. Eva's place is the organization that is being supported this year. Matching program that will double every dollar raised. Green butterfly initiative for student feeling alone. Sales this week: Newspaper club (homemade buttons, stickers, candygrams, crumble cookies, book sale, cultural connection event)
- Winter assembly (end of calendar year celebration). Dec 20th.
- HMST Council (Daniel, Jr. President). Student led council, programming things like field trips (i.e. Grade 10's field trip to Riley's aquarium). 12 exec members, 25 general members. HMST graduation programming underway (perhaps an awards assembly, etc.)
- Question: how do attendees get copies of the agenda [commitment to send agenda in advance to the members, and also post to the school website]

Asad Introduced himself as the Grade 9 rep

Principals Update:

Achievement

- VP reporting on new instructional methods from the Ministry being implemented in the classroom
- Diversity initiatives in Math around historical mathematicians
- Math EQAO Jan 16-17. VP Meeting with math department and teachers on expectations for prep
- OSSLT had 100% participation. End of winter/beginning of Spring for results
- Exam format survey results: traditionally exams have been run as common exams (all sections on the same day and the same time). Student and parent proposal was to run on a 4 day cycle. More than 50% of TDSB schools have moved to away from the common exam model. Concerns by staff, students and parents, relate to advantages given to students who would write exams later. Currently working with staff on solutions

to the concerns. 30% of parents responded. 70/30 in favour of the 4 day model. Decision is to try a hybrid model. All grades will write the 1/2/3/4 model, grade 12 science and math will write the common model. Hybrid will run for both January and June. If interested in the data, please reach out to Anita. Soma: what happens to Grade 11 HMST students? Some students applying for early admission but grading has been a concern for the grade 11 class. Anita: The concepts will be the same, but teachers will be responsible for changing the numbers, etc. on an exam. Anita: administration will review the results of the exams and if there are materials differences in exam results/grades that the administration will review and determine if corrective measures are required to adjust grades for "easiness from Day 1 vs 4". Raj: will Northview remove time limits on final exams? Anita: all teachers have been asked allow more time for exams. Raj to collect evidence from other schools.

Administrative updates:

- Shared student concerns:
- EQAO prep: only students who are in this semester write the EQAO
- Guidance counsellor meetings: No real agenda for the meeting based on a single student feedback. Guidance counsellors were asked to make a connection with their students with introductions.
- Suzanne: HMST Graduation: No "unlimited funds" for graduation. In the past there was an evening celebration for HSMT only.
- Bathroom issue: Eric (Parent), Larissa (Parent): Vandalism in washrooms causing limited availability forcing students to choose whether to drink water vs having to use the bathroom. Anita: the amount and type of vandalism is unheard of in a high school. As they find students there are consequences that are being applied. Last year the topic was vaping. Examples: soap dispensers are being broken, toilet paper thrown all over the floors, toilet paper rolls shoved into toilets causing plumbing issues, pooping on the floor, toilets being broken. Safety monitors went into a limited set of bathrooms to try to identify perpetrators. Students limited to one at a time from each classroom to limit the flow of students going to the bathroom. Mary (Parent): addressed concerns from her daughter. Anna-Kay suggesting it may be a mental health issue, maybe bring in outside support. Andrew (Student): little chance that students would report other students. Eric (Parent): Is there an opportunity to leverage other schools or TDSB solutions for dealing with this? Is there a locker/bag search policy? Are there more serious consequences that are available for offenders? Anita: some principals are looking into systems that could be put in place. Conversations at the facilities and superintendent level. Locker and bag search policies do exist. VP Marshall: we are 40-50 cameras short of what is required from a safety perspective. Suzanne: is more monitoring happening. Anita: Only 4 hall monitors are available, 3 males, 1 female to check the washrooms. Two safe ways to report: Voice box in guidance; and TDSB connect has an app called the Safety App for anonymous reporting. January 8th for student leadership committee meeting to address the bathroom issue.

Motion to adjourn (Mary motioned, Raj seconded) at 8:08pm