

Riverdale Collegiate Institute
School Council Minutes
January 15, 2020

Present: Niall Whelan (Chair), Kenn Harvey (Principal), Glenda Mattinson (Community Rep), Avery Sabeta (Student Rep), Lucy Farrell (Teacher Rep), Jill Spellman (Mental Health League parent rep), Susan Alberto, Catherine Wood, Suzanne, Robyn, Nana

1. Welcome and introductions-

2. Students Update (Avery Sabeta)

- Discussed semi-formal scheduled for Feb. 21 (subsequently move to Feb. 20 due to labour actions)
- Students are very busy with university applications
- Report cards coming out on Feb. 5

3. Teacher Rep Report (Lucy Farrell)

- Extra help is available for students who need help
- With the labour disruptions, teachers are focusing on core content to ensure students are prepared for next year
- Credit Rescue Days ... all students can come but the focus is on those who need help
- Discussed escalating job actions, including administrative tasks
 - Supervision and safety are unaffected
- Implemented a hall pass system in January ... seeing how it goes
- Expansion of indigenisation of curriculum:
 - Grade 10 art
 - Grade 11 English with an indigenous focus. This is still a route to Grade 12 English

4. Principal's Report (Kenn Harvey)

- The school has been receiving complaints about student behaviour from local merchants
- Course options for next year open soon

5. School Council President Report (Niall Whelan)

- Discussed possible upcoming events
- Catherine Wood suggested a screening of *Screen Agers*. She agreed to look into it
- Kenn agreed to discuss with Curtis of Toronto Police regarding a session on vaping and cannabis use