

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council

Minutes for December 10, 2019 Meeting

Present: Sharon Brinkos, Vanessa Meraw, Tanya Boisvert, Chris Boulay, Emily Keller, Jennifer Sharp, Chris Duchene, Joseph Quigley (Highlander Newspaper), Students: Siddhi Shah, Bluma Holtzman, Jessica Jones

Regrets: Heather Kauffeldt

Welcome: Sharon Brinkos

- Motion to approve October 8th Minutes by Vanessa, second by Chris D.
- Agenda approved without additions by Vanessa, second by Sharon

Student Report: Siddhi, Bluma and Jessica

- Library:
 - student orientation of the library's digital & print resources
 - Preparing a funding proposal for Phase II
 - White Pine continues with 15 readers & 2 Battle of Books teams
 - Involved in *CBC First Page* and *Polar Expression Publishing* Contests
- Interac:
 - Shoebox Initiative
 - Stems from presentation by Faye Martin about Homelessness
 - Asking students to donate \$1.00 or teen friendly items to fill the boxes
 - Boxes will be distributed locally by an outside agency
- Prom Committee: just getting started, setting up meeting in the new year
- Drama Club:
 - Performing *The Breakfast Club* December 15th through 17th
- Leadership:
 - Halloween week: pumpkin carving, cookies & costumes
 - Wellness week: therapy dogs, movie, cupcakes for sale, made bracelets, twin day and classes toured the Youth Hub
 - TEDtalks created by Leadership class
 - Holiday week (Dec 16-20): karaoke, gingerbread houses, movie & popcorn, Red & Green/Ugly Sweater day, assembly + Food Drive
 - Semi Formal possibly February
 - Reading Around the World with Stuart Baker Elementary
 - Activities well attended by students

Extracurricular Report: Chris Duchene

- Athletics:
 - Winter sports under way, league play started in all sports
 - Wrestling, Curling, Hockey, Junior & Senior Basketball, Junior & Senior girls Volleyball

- Boys hockey team held successful home opener offering HHSS students a chance to watch the game in a buyout (attend the game or watch a movie in the school theatre)
 - Proceeds donated to Heat Bank
 - Athletic Council & Leadership Class ran raffles, contests & a door prize
 - Hockey team spent Friday November 29th (Board Holiday) splitting, piling & moving wood at the Heat Bank site
 - Grade nine Phys Ed classes participated in Self Defense training
 - Intramural Sports continue at lunch (12:00pm) organized by Athletic Council
- Guidance:
 - Grade nine interviews for option sheets continue
 - Follow up with grade 12s to ensure college & university applications are submitted
 - Plumbing dual credit course starting next semester

Principal Report: Chris Boulay

- Awards Ceremony in October honoured many grade 10 through 12 students
- Semester 2 preparation underway
- Planning 2020-21 courses
 - Assess low course enrollment and which courses to put on the 2 year tumble
 - Adapt to needs of community considering student feedback and constraints
- Link Day
 - approx 120 students from feeder schools attended optional classes
 - HHSS staff met with feeder school staff while students toured the school
- EQAO Math (grade 9) will be written (*at this time*)
- Finalizing January exam schedule
- Youth Hub Tour
 - Marg Cox & Kelsey Donald opened Hub to grade 9 students and Leadership class
 - Teachers & students alike had positive feedback about the space
- G7 Summit
 - Second week of November
 - Speakers discussed current issues
 - HHSS focus on how to be more “green” aware with the obstacles met with i.e. recycling etc.
- Drama Club production of *The Breakfast Club*
 - Rated Mature due to content and some language, has been advertised as such
- Graduation
 - 90 potential graduates
 - Discussing option of timing for Graduation, during school day versus evening

Business Arising From Previous Meeting:

- Health & Wellness Subcommittee
 - Have had 2 planning meetings to date
 - Coming up with new ideas to make a successful event
 - Meet again in January
 - Jenn mentioned the District School Council may have funds available to assist with the event

New Business:

- Parent Recruitment
 - Ideas to bring in new/more parents
 - Letter in grade 8 package
 - Presentation at Grade 9 Parent night
 - School Council Facebook page
 - What does a School Council do?
 - Express vision & role of a School Council

District School Council/Parent Involvement Committee Update: Jenn Sharp

- Updates the November 21st meeting including Director Hope's information about Swimming Protocols, curriculum updates: Cell Phone, Health education & Careers course
- Thought Exchange program available for school council use
- PEG grant: each school has \$500, district council has \$9000
 - The district council funding may be accessible to School Councils by an application process
- PRO grant: given to District Councils only for Parent engagement use
 - Being used to fund the Paul Davis Presentations (board wide)
- Request for suggestions of topics to be presented at meetings
- Next Meeting Thursday January 16th at 7pm- Everyone welcome
- Meeting notes can be found at <https://tidsb.ca/parents/get-involved/>

Next Meeting Tuesday February 11th 2020 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm