

## **Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council**

Minutes for October 8th, 2019 Meeting

Present: Sharon Brinkos, Vanessa Meraw, Siddhi Shah, Bluma Holtzman, Tanya Boisvert, Chris Boulay, Jennifer Sharp, Chris Duchene, Joseph Quigley (from the Highlander Newspaper)  
Regrets: Heather Kauffeldt, Emily Keller

### **Welcome: Sharon Brinkos**

- Motion to approve September 17th Minutes by Vanessa and Sharon
- Agenda approved without additions by Vanessa and Sharon

### **Student Report: Siddhi Shah and Bluma Holtzman**

- **Library**
  - Received \$1000.00 in funding to supplement White Pine club
    - Fund trip to Festival of Trees as well as incentives & prizes
  - Furniture from Phase 1 has arrived and is installed
  - Space is being well-used by teachers and students alike
  - Chromebooks have arrived; just need to be configured
  - Lunchtime celebration Friday October 18th 11:45 to 12:30- Everyone welcome
- **Interact**
  - 12 students involved ranging from grades 9 through 12
  - Each member has taken an area of responsibility
  - Abigail Kauffeldt and Grace Kim are co-presidents
  - Team building and planning event on October 18th, sponsored by Rotary
- **Leadership**
  - Welcome to Bluma, new to HHSS
  - Leadership class laid 150 crosses at Haliburton Cemetery with Legion Members & Veterans families
  - \$500.00 raised for Hurricane Dorian Red Cross Relief fund through Spirit Days and Bake sale
  - Terry Fox run with SBES and JDH elementary schools; raised \$4067
  - Thanksgiving activities for October 9th through 11th
  - October 17-22: Secret Path Week- Residential Schools/Indigenous Awareness
  - Halloween week; various organized events
  - Working on HHSS newsletter for end of October

### **Extracurricular Updates: Chris Duchene**

- **Athletics**
  - Intramurals happening everyday in the gym from 12 to 12:20pm
  - Athletic Council hosted Spirit Assembly Oct 3 to recognize all students participating in clubs and teams
    - Breakout time spent watching Field Hockey, Volleyball, a movie or participating in activities in the library

- Kawartha Championships:
  - Cross Country & Girls Field Hockey next week
  - Girls Rugby week of Oct 29
  - Junior & Senior Boys Volleyball & Football week of Nov 4
  - HHSS to host Senior Boys Volleyball Kawartha Championships Nov 5
- **Guidance**
  - Still meeting with Grade 12s to help with next steps
  - Newsletter to be shared with students and parents with resources and websites
  - College Fair at Fleming today (Oct 8th)
  - University Fair at Fenelon Falls High School (Oct 24th)
    - Conflict with Stratford trip will offer spots to Grade 11s if space is available
  - College & University presentations continue
  - Dual Credit courses are a continuing success

### **Principal Update: Chris Boulay**

- **EQAO**
  - results released September 24th for Grade Nine Math
    - Academic 85% achieved level 3 or 4
    - Applied 46% achieved level 3 or 4 (decrease in results but outperformed Province and Board results)
- **OSSLT**
  - Grade 10 Literacy
  - 9% increase in success of first time writers
- Awards Assembly Friday October 11th for grades 9 through 11 from last year (awards include attendance, honours and monetary awards)
- Haliburton High School received 7 grants through the Board of Education for program enhancements (White Pine and Student United Nations were 2 of the 7 received)
- Picture retakes October 16th, morning only
- Purple Day October 24th- Child Protection & Safety Awareness
- PD Day October 25th- focus on Literacy, Numeracy and School Improvement Plan
- Cannabis and Youth Presentation/Discussion October 23rd 6:30 to 8:30 at Youth Hub
  - Open to all, geared to adults to assist in Harm reduction
- Progress Reports October 16th
- Parent-Teacher Night October 17th 5:00 to 7:00pm
  - No Open House due to uncertainty of Labour relations
  - Lean toward May event or tie in with JDH/SBES celebration nights
- Career Studies Curriculum
  - To be implemented in November
  - Teachers will have inservice training October 11th
  - New themes included, financial literacy, awareness of future planning etc.

### **Action/Follow Up Business**

- PEG Funds/Feed All Four Festival
  - Decided to host another spring event to coincide with Wellness week
  - A subcommittee will create a vision and the backbone of the event then bring information back to council
  - Suggestions made during meeting:
    - Connect with Marg Cox early to have Youth Hub create a video loop or some other way to promote/showcase everything the Youth Hub offers
    - Bring students into the building
      - Smaller scale tribute night
    - Increase local awareness and promote equal access
    - Demonstrations: possibly Tai Chi, Yoga etc.
    - Require a vendor guideline-- who do we reach out to?

### **DSC (District School Council): Jenn Sharp**

- First Meeting is November 21st at 7:00pm via Teleconference at the Haliburton County Education Centre (beside Archie Stouffer Elementary)
- The District Council chairs are creating agendas for this year's meetings; contact Jenn if there is a topic from the School Board you would like more information about
- More information can be found at <https://tidsb.ca/parents/get-involved/>

**Next Meeting Tuesday December 10th 2019 at 7:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm**