

Oct 3rd Parent Council Minutes: (consult slide deck as well for reference)

- Attending: Jen Peters, Kris Wiley, Mark Wiltsie, Ann McNab, Braeson Last, Shahrzad Kandalaf, Dave Sabourin, Samantha Kutowy, Mark Stuart, Annette Collins, Leah Ward, Brigitte Reid, Lesley Wollenschlager
1. Nominations: Shahrzad has accepted position as chair
 - any interest for co-chair, secretary, treasurer, student rep, and support staff rep?

2. Principal's report:

Academics:

- Real World Learning (Ashley Robinson & Rebecca Mackay leading it on secondary level: looking to plan pollinating trees around school but we need to be mindful of bees and allergies, so out by the school sign suggested. We can then go from pollination to making and selling honey)
- SIEP - Literacy/Numeracy/Equity & inclusion/Wellness: "Dibbles" reading test for students (Intermediate) and then specific teaching will occur for that skill to address needs
- SST/LFT: TR Leger was an offshoot programming offered and we are now having that programming localized in our school down in the new wing to reduce anxiety (students can access room without going through entire school). There is a teacher & "IA" (a teacher adviser). It supports students who have got off track for grad to look at alternative ways to catch up in order to graduate with their cohort
- 3 New sections offered due to 25 new registrants, so full teacher position for semester#1. Courses are 2 sciences and a literacy course
- Progress Reports will be sent home Oct 16th
- EQAO math in Jan (gr9) and Literacy testing in Nov
- IEPs will be sent home (Oct 17th); De-streaming is now in effect in gr9 for math, English, science, geography and French. Intermediates have a "powerup2" classroom that targets literacy and numeracy (half day withdrawal in mornings) to link back to baseline assessment.
 - Question was asked by Mark S. (a parent) about what "destreamed" meant and Kris explained it and Mark W. reinforced that Ontario was one of the last provinces to adopt destreaming.
- After school courses: African Drumming (Tues & Thurs 'til mid June for a high school credit), Coop (Jen Durant looking after this), & Musical Theatre starts next week and will go into late May
- ID lead courses (Ashley Robinson & Erin Burt) for students identifying as indigenous so they can earn an IDC

Directors Work plan shared – reading is our major focus; student culture is at the heart (sense of belong and safe), real world learning, and staff culture.

Spirit Events: Orientation Day was last week in August (Link gr12 class, Web gr8 students); Grade 9 activity day occurred last Fri afternoon with link leaders, Spirit week (a specific theme each day), and a Dance (Thurs night- excellent genuine fun). Next dance will be the Christmas Dance.

Field Trip:

- a) Intermediates went to Camp Bonnefant so a great experience for all the students coming into the school. It's a great team building exercise (a unique opportunity to NGI students).
- b) Habitat for Humanity: part of real-world learning (Ashley Robinson is connected with this. About 15 students 16 yrs old & older went across to the old Kemptville College and they learned how to build a house.
- c) SHSM: 4 SHSMs offered - Arts & culture, computers, Health and Wellness, Transportation. Students working for a red seal on their diploma and also certifications such as First Aid on a resume for jobs

moving forward. It also demonstrates students focusing on their next steps in life. Students went to RedBlacks football game and went on field and participated in activities there as part of program.

School Events:

- Open House: Jen Peters championed the event and it was well attended. High interest level present. Web and Link were able to showcase there.
- Fire Drill (one so far)... Six occur throughout the school year. Next week is fire prevention week.
- Truth & Reconciliation/Orange shirt day – sea of orange throughout the school demonstrating support. Grade 11 NBE class put on a presentation at lunch which was neat to do it for gr7 & 8s and they learned what worked and what didn't. The high school had an opportunity for leadership there.
- Franco-Ontario Day = important to work on for prospects for potential career pathway especially in our proximity to Quebec border
- Photo Day – Oct 11th is retakes
- Terry Fox: Intermediates did a walk around the track and collection as an acknowledgement of the importance of what Terry Fox has done for us and teachers were keen on making sure it ran when it did. The issue for high school was that there were 2 groups of out (RedBlacks & XC). High school will do this this coming Friday

Upcoming Events:

- Progress Reports (Oct 16)
- Academic Awards Assembly on Oct 17th
- PA day – Oct 27
- Parent/Teacher night: Oct 19th (5-7pm)
- Bullying Prevention and Intervention plan – it is on the school website now. We have a team that we work with and some partners we connect with for a variety of voices to share what we are focused on as a school to identify where the needs of the school can align and best match to create an action plan
- Lockdown drill one per semester; one this month
- Knights Time invitational – XC
- Leadership class – Niagara Falls trip in November. Little Caesar's Pizza fundraising for this

Intermediate Report:

- R&J Youth services (life skills and harm reduction/prevention classes) came in Zak deShaw came in to support teachers with prevention strategies for students.
- October is Cyber Awareness month
- Knight Time Invitational – XC (Lo Basso) on Oct 13th Races start at 2:30pm. It will be a regional qualifier for UC cup.
- Student Council in the process of forming for gr7&8 (Bradly & Davidson) to establish link with gr 9-12 council to incorporate students into the whole school (like XC happening at same time)
- Goalball: Sport exclusive to athlete impairments. Played in a gym. Boal a ball wearing a mask; Needs concentration and quiet. The ball has noise bells inside it to orient players as to where it is
- Nov 17th is intermediate report cards

New Staff:

Jim McEwen: Tech, Mary Katherine Row- Spec Ed; Debra Gaw (OA), Dustin Kingston -gr7, Chris Leroux-gr7/8, Ashley Robinson, tech7foods, Mathew Bedard, IA etc.

Student population: Secondary – 612 and Intermediate 309 so totaling 921

International Students: from Italy, Turkey, Spain, Thailand, Germany, and Japan. They are looking to gain access to post-secondary or just for the experience. 9 full year and 5 short term (1-3 months);

Clubs/Extra curriculars

- Nerd Club (for both secondary and intermediate) - safe space for kids to play whatever game with no judgement
- X country Int.: gr8 girls came 1st overall last week; boys 2nd overall. Turkey Trot on Thursday; Fundraiser for XC potentially Pappa Jacks etc.
- XC (Ryan, MacKay, Bergeron); went to Kingston Sep 27th; Oct 6 is Turkey Trot (both HS and Int); Oct 12 is Gryphon invitational @ Mooney's Bay; **EOSSAA@Fort Henry Oct 26**
- BB (Jr – Robinson, Sr - Kelly): Jr (Sep 28@Gan and Sep 30 St. Mary's): G BB, Sr. G BB (@ACAG Sep 25, @GSS Sep 28 – won 68 to 8!). Sr Girls BB @Ange Gabriel @Sep 25 and Oct @St. Mike's and have had bake sale to raise \$\$. They will play Rideau Oct 12 and TISS Oct 16 and SG@Oct 19 and St. Mary Oct 23 and BCI Oct 26
- Golf (Mme. Campbell): Boys went to LGSSA Sept 10th and Hunter & Nolan will go on to play at **EOSSA Oct 3rd**.
- VB (Mme. Parent): Boys Jr (hosted a game here; 2 wins & 4 losses so far) & Sr VB. Boys VB @St. Mike's Wed Oct 12 and TISS Oct 18th
- Soccer: Bradley & Leroux took teams. UC cup is next week

ProGrant: Dec to Jan we will go through and application process for \$1000 - \$2000 as a school council we can determine what our school can use to benefit. Paul Davis came for social media awareness. We can dig deep and see if we can connect it to important matters like reading etc. ... how to invest something for parents. It must be connected with parents. Please start the thinking process on this as to what would support our community. Fundraising? To support field trips? in gr12 -to offer bursary (fundraising for this)

Terry Fox Run this Friday.

- Parent voices:
 - Shahrzad : Fundraising parents reaching out to businesses (are teaches and students taking over this or will parents come back into the picture). We don't want to over fundraise or people "tap out."
 - Samantha Kutowy: Kris answered a question regarding communication. Kris will email each parent the slide deck as well. Kris will create an email list for all parents wanting to participate with parent council but Kris also values in person. Anyone in attendance we will add to our email list. The meeting minutes are stored in a binder in the office and anyone that wants to come in to read these. Minutes are also posted on the website. Decisions the chair will forward any items to the Team. As staff we can't vote but anyone that is on school council can vote that isn't staff.

Meeting Dates:

To meet 4 times a year. (This year Nov 30th; Feb 8th; Apr 5; May 31 to look at our foci . Progrant would be Jan

Date this year:

- Oct 3rd (first meeting)
- Vote occurred for day of week.....Wed good but not 3rd Wed of month.
- Nov 29th is next meeting