

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Present: Jennifer Picard, Donna Flasz, Derek DiBlasio, Cheri Lappage, Jody Kondrat

Regrets: Constance Nowagesic, Will Oades

1. **Welcome and Introduction**

Principal Derek DiBlasio welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was accepted.

3. **Review and Approval of May Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- ProGrant has been approved. Money to come soon. We will do another Health & Wellbeing Fair.
- Improve communication to parents, perhaps through Facebook & school calendar. Parents and students are recommended to look at the calendar on the Hammarskjold website.
- D2L (Desire to Learn) has been approved by the ministry. (Websites for teachers to post information regarding their classroom, homework, etc.)
- EDSBY is an online tracking software program for attendance, late, assignments, etc. that the board is considering, however it is quite expensive. There is a parent portal. This would allow teachers, guidance counsellors, administrators and parents to all communicate. We are hoping they'll reach a decision before the end of December.
- Synervoice can now send an autotext.

5. **Adminstration Report**

- Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th will be on PA System and will include poems and trumpet song and two minutes of silence. (10:45-11:10)
- November 18 - PA DAY

- November 18&19 - Camp 21 is a two day series sponsored by Microsoft for students and staff from 8:30-4:30. Grade 7&8 students come to Hammarskjold to do some cool activities including using a 3D printer and virtual reality. There will be a guest speaker from Microsoft.
- November 24 – Achievement Night 7:00-8:30. Awards will be given to students for highest mark in class and 80% and above from last year. A postcard will be sent to students receiving awards and a synervoice message will be sent out.
- Mid-term reports coming out next week
- Junior Footfall team still has potential to be champions. Next game is on Saturday at 12:30 against St. Ignatius
- Senior Boys Football finished for the season
- Senior Boys Volleyball finish their season tonight
- Senior Girls Basketball still playing. They are currently in second place. Playoffs soon
- Junior Girls Basketball going into playoffs and are in 3rd place
- Cross Country Running team went to Southern Ontario. Grade twelve students Hannah Johnston got 2nd place in Ontario and Jordan MacIntosh got 4th place. Both got scholarships @ Division One Schools!
- Golf is a short season and is already done. Team went to Dryden and did well.
- Junior Boys Volleyball in playoffs. They won their first game on Tuesday.
- Current enrollment is 782
- Three classes are over cap. We're waiting to hear from Board regarding splitting those classes.
- Meeting next week with chairs and then end of November with all superintendents to discuss
- Maintenance and administration to gather list of issues that should be addressed for the building (i.e. painting, cleaning, science labs, food labs, etc.)
- Last day of school is December 23 and first day back is January 9
- Exams start January 19
- ARC process should happen within five years
- Presentation for Gr. 11 & 12 on Financial Literacy on November 14. It is a stand-up comedy called "Funny Money"
- EQAO Literacy online trial was an epic fail – it was hacked!

6. **Teacher/Staff Report**

Recognition of Treaty week. Superior Robinson Treaty signed in 1850.

7. **Student Council Report**

Co-president Will Oades sends regrets but hopes to give report next meeting.

8. **New Business**

Board is looking for input by December 7 regarding changing policy regarding renaming schools.

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2017 @ 6:30