

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
November 29, 2017

Present: Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Constance Nowgesic, Cheri Lappage, Dmitri Demetrokopoulos, Adam Cornwell

Regrets: Donna Flasz

1. Welcome and Introduction

Principal Derek DiBlasio welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved. No additions.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Dmitri.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- No name yet for Viking Mascot
- Elevators – one is now working and one to go!
- Swipe cards – there is an issue with manufacturing process, but doors are ready to go
- SSRU (South side renewal update). Derek hasn't been part of process, but input is now being shared and they are consulting

5. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report

- **Teacher Report from Constance Nowgesic (see detailed report) :**
- Ms. Nowgesic took students to Skills Ontario Young Women's Career Exploration Event
- Ms. Kraft-Wilson OLC class running Christmas Cheer drive
- Mr. McMillian and Ms. Pelletier's students attended Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Student orientation at Fort William Gardens and the Fall Harvest. Lots of activities happening!
- Ms. White's Foods class working with School Cafeteria and Roots to Harvest
- Mr. Workman's ongoing tutoring/remediation has lots of students accessing
- Ms. DeLeon's music concert is January 17 @ 7pm. School Music Gala is set for Friday April 20, 2018
- Ms. LaForrest's students are creating art and baking for the Christmas gathering. Students going to Boys & Girls Club twice a week; also a trip to Vanderwees Greenhouse.
- Ms. McKirdy's Field Cheerleading team cheered at Junior and Senior Football games

- The competitive team will be competing three times during the season
- Mr. Shimkoff's JR & SR Girls basketball and JR & SR Football all took 2nd place
- Mr. Thomas is coaching the wrestling team
- Mr. Kamerman's cardboard boat teams competed and displayed super team spirit and worked very well together. One team won invitation to Waterloo in March 2018!
- Mr. Daniar's JR Girls basketball team crowned City Champions!
- Mr. Daniar's class will be presenting "Peter Pan Jr" on December 19 & 20
- Ms. Ziebarth took 42 students to the Leadership Retreat at Kingfisher in October
- Hambassadors group donated 20 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child
- Semi-Formal will be held December 7 @ Slovak Legion
- Awards night was a huge success. Ms. Deleon's band students played at intermission
- Ms. Lampo awarded seven students with 1st place medals for their achievement on various Waterloo Mathematics Contests
- Ms. Black is encouraging parents and students to join the class Hamm12 on Remind
- Grade 8 Feeder schools will be visiting school on December 13
- Grade 8 Open House will be January 18 @ 7pm
- Ontario College application deadline is February 1
- Ontario University deadline is January 17

- **Principal Report from Mr. DiBlasio:**
- Churchill students will be going to Westgate
- IB program will be moving to Superior
- Earlier Open House date to aid transitions
- Course selection will be earlier this year too. Grade 8's at end of January and Grades 9-11 in February
- Board will try to accommodate transportation for everyone, including transfer students
- Transfers and transportation can be applied for online
- Staff assignments should be announced earlier as well
- Grade 9 registration forms due at end of January

6. Correspondence

- N/A

7. Student Council Report

- Student Council report not available
- They are currently working on Friday night movie nights

NEXT MEETING DATE:

TUESDAY JANUARY 23 @ 6:30