

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

Present: Neelam Khaper, Jennifer Picard, Donna Flaszka, Derek DiBlasio, Dimitri Demetrokopoulos, Paul Fayrick, Cheri Lappage, Yasser Labib, Sarah Kuzik

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**

Waiting to hear regarding ProGrant application which was applied for last year.

5. **Adminstration Report**

-Enrollment numbers still changing – but approximately 800 students.
Gr. 9 – 189, Gr. 10 –203, Gr. 11 – 177, Gr. 12 – 185, plus approximately 40 grade eight students in Kickstart program with Mrs. Adams. Lots of new students registered the first two weeks of school, which has increased by 70 students from spring. Some classes have had to be split due to numbers.

-Rachelle Pelletier, a graduation coach has been hired to work with grade nine students. They will work with First Nations, Metis, Inuit, FNMI for credit accumulation. Fifty students have self identified.

-EQAQ literacy results amazing for Grade 10 (87%). Hammarskjold has scored highest in the city. Math percentage is low, but has increased from previous year.

-Hammarskjold is piloting EQAQ literacy testing online. If students do well, it counts. If they do poorly, it doesn't. Literacy test will be October 20th.

-Sports – JR & SR football has lots of kids. Superior kids have been invited to joining our team due to low numbers at their school. JR team won tonight! Cross country running has 50+ kids. Golf team will be going to Geraldton with Mr. Letwin. JR & SR girls basketball has started, as well as JR & SR boys volleyball and midget badminton

- Budget – \$500 School Council approved again + \$746 still available from last year = \$1246
- PA Day September 30th
- PEP Rally coming up next Friday at lunch. Superior football kids to be invited to come as well, with their school flag
- Communication with parents needs to improve. Various communication systems discussed (facebook, twitter, synervoice, Remind101).
- October 17 – Picture Retake Day
- October 20 – Parent Interviews

6. **Teacher/Staff Report**

Not available.

7. **Student Council Report**

Lots on the go already. There are two new grade nine representatives. Co-president Will Oades sends regrets but hopes to give report next meeting.

8. **Election of 2016/2017 School Council**

Chair responsibilities discussed. Nominations open for chair/co-chair position. Cheri willing to be chair. Jennifer willing to be secretary.

9. **New Business**

N/A

10. **Other**

On October 4th there will be a meeting with eight trustees to vote on recommendation senior administration has put forth regarding which high school will remain open.

Four school trustees came to our school this week. Mr. DiBlasio pointed out features of school. The other four have also been invited – we're hoping they'll come out before the vote.

If anyone has any concerns or thoughts, please communicate them directly to the trustees.

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2016 @ 6:30