

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 16, 2018

**Present:** Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Donna Flaszka, Cheri Lappage, Dimitri Demetrokopoulos, John Letwin, Paul Fayrick, Laura Pattison

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Principal Derek DiBlasio welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with addition of ProGrant and Council of School Council Chair Updates.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and Derek approved them.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- EQAO Grade 10 literacy testing completed April 10
- Results expected May 29. Reports will be received June 11 and will be included with the report cards.
- Mock test May 2 Grade 9 EQAO letters to parents will be sent out if there are concerns
- June 19+20 Grade 9 Math
- Churchill archives will be finished renovations soon and hoping to move into Hammarskjold in June
- Staff Gwen Gamble and Julie Smith will be coming to help provide services for elementary teachers and internal courier system for the Board
- Discussed scholarships from Council – 5 x \$100 scholarships to students who have not received other scholarships
- June 12 Convocation 7pm @ Auditorium

**5. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report**

- Current Enrollment – Grade 9 116+93 +209, Grade 10 90+95=185, Grade 11 81+84=165, Grade 12 91+84=175 TOTAL 734
- School Calendar is now online. 2048/2019 school year starts after Labour Day
- Deadline for acceptance for Ontario Universities June 1
- Graduation Meeting and Grad BBQ – grad gowns available for pickup
- Graduation (Convocation) June 12
- Exams June 22-28

- Grad Dinner & Dance at Italian Cultural Centre June 27
- Transportation – Streamline and maximize 18% increase in costs, therefore lots of buses are less than 20% full
- Lots of really great things at school district review. Superintendent was in the school. Some suggestions regarding data about indigenous students.
- Another program coming to Hammarskjold. Self identified students Grade 8&9; land based cultural classroom. Meeting next week to discuss further details.
- Board’s International Program being promoted worldwide
- Renovations commitment \$1.3 million this summer (most is infrastructural)
- Tech Department – Lou Kok’s students Keander Smith and Austin Janzen got 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in Carpentry at Skills Ontario Competition
- Upgrades to gardening area
- Memorial bench for Justin Porter
- Discussion about future memorial for Declan Lozinski
- CampMed – NOSM summer camp is a one week program for Grade 9 or 10 program which is not yet full if you know anyone that might be interested
- Jennifer will contact Board (either Bruce Sauder or Dave Covello) regarding voicemail to email feature to enhance communication

## **6. Correspondence**

- Cheri went to Toronto for Minister’s Parent Involvement Symposium with Forums and Speakers
- How to realize and promote the potential in your child
- Discussed rules and regulations that are required of councils
- PIC should be representing all schools, not just schools that there is a representative for
- ProGrant – applications due beginning of June – discussed options and possibilities of interest, as well as when we’d like to do it, if approved

## **7. Student Council Report**

- N/A