

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
October 3, 2018

Present: Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Donna Flasz, Cheri Lappage, Lee-Ann Willis

Regrets: Donna Flasz and Constance Nowgesic

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 Cheri, seconded by Jennifer.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

N/A

5. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report

- Grade 10 Literacy results – 82%. One of the highest in Thunder Bay!
- EQAO – Grade 9 continues to be high for academic; applied increased significantly
- Results for both should be released soon
- Scholarships appreciated from graduates. Thank you letters were received.
- IMC room is 95% functional now and teachers are accessing now from 8-4:30
- Better signage for IMC is coming soon
- Student enrollment total as of today is 855 (Grade 9 - 211, Grade 10 – 225, Grade 11 – 196, Grade 12 – 221)
- Lee-Ann will start giving teachers reports
- Swipe cards now working
- Fireman inspection passed! They advised not to use wedges to hold doors open. Derek will tell teachers
- Lockdown practice to come
- Summer improvements: Back wall repaired, Network upgraded to CAT 6E, New speakers and phones, more garden beds added this summer, new sidewalks near back entrance, new pavement at front to access library & IMC
- New Science and Food labs promised for this upcoming year by Jim Desaulniers

- October 5 – Pep Rally, Progress reports Level 1-4 will be sent home
- October 18 – Interviews 4-730
- October 22 - Picture retakes
- October 30 – Halloween Dance
- November 14 – Student Achievement Night
- November 16 – PA Day
- SR & JR Football – Doing well – Undefeated
- Boys Volleyball – Doing well – 2nd Place
- Cross Country Running – 3 races – highest scoring school
- Sr Girls Basketball – Currently 2nd Place
- Golf team participated in tournament
- Field Cheerleaders actively cheering teams on, but no competition until Fall
- JR Girls BB currently 1st Place
- SR Boys Volleyball currently 6th place
- JR Boys Volleyball currently 3rd place
- New program at School – Cultural Academy is an environment to help struggling indigenous students be successful and get high school credits to streamline into regular classes in the future. Teacher is Melissa Roberts & Support Person is Tanya. There are 7 students.
- Discussed phone messages to teachers via email. Jennifer will call John Loovre @ Board office to find out status

6. Correspondence

- Strategic & operational plan regarding student achievement and well being includes: 1) Increase EQAO Math & Literacy, 2) Help indigenous students graduate, 3) Overall Credit accumulation

7. Student Council Report

- Emily Prpic & Katie Kawahara, SAC Grade 12 Reps
- Lots of activities have taken place: Fly on the Wall, Scooters, Pie in SR's face, Persian Day, Vikings Scavenger Hunt, Pep Rally
- Trying to plan more lunch time meetings instead of 8am meetings to get more kids to come to meetings. Discussed getting indigenous student to join.
- Jennifer Johnson SSP Achievement Tutor provides support for indigenous students throughout the day (during class, lunch and after school)
- Fire Council – 15 kids (only indigenous)
- Hoping to integrate SAC and Fire Council

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7 @ 6:30