

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
October 2, 2019

Present: Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Donna Flaszka, Cheri Lappage, Rob Thibodeau, Shelley Garr, Paul Fayrick, Heather Laur, Ang Donio

1. Welcome and Introduction

Principal Derek DiBlasio welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by Rob, seconded by Heather

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Rob, seconded by Heather

4. Elections

- Heather and Cheri put names forward to co-chair. Everyone approves!
- Secretary – Jennifer
- Community Member – Pastor/Youth Pastor at Saalem Church may be willing to consider
- Teacher Representative – Lee-ann Wills or John Letwin
- Student Representative – Adam Luoma & Kiana Nassar

5. Business Arising from Last Minutes

- School Council gave ten Scholarships last year as there was extra funding
- Discuss criteria in Spring for next year's scholarships
- External scholarships available on Hammarskjold website, Hammarskjold.lakeheadschoools.ca, under Student Services

6. Correspondence

- Robin Orr, Executive Secretary sent information regarding insurance coverage for School Councils
- Policies/Procedures will be sent out soon for review
- Derek will forward email to us once received
- Email from Judy Hill received PIC Meetings. First meeting was September 9th. Second meeting will be October 7. Cheri can go to the next meeting

7. New Business

- A) CUPE – see document from Derek regarding Provincial Action. CUPE looking at Phase 2 – complete walkout on October 7
- B) TRANSITIONAL HOUSING – people are reaching out to the school for support
- Board is collecting info regarding parental concerns
- Next meeting at City Hall to make the decision regarding rezoning for this project will be on October 21
- Report and Proposed Amendment will be made available on City of Thunder Bay website on October 16th

8. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report

- Startup transition went well
- Enrollment: 191 - Grade 9, 207 – Grade 10, 205 – Grade 11, 219 – Grade 12, 822 – Total
- Renovations over summer included: New parking lot (Catholic Board paying Lakehead Public Schools for half), Football uprights added, sprinkler system running and works well, sod looks great (Hammar skjold students helped lay sod!), track resurfaced, long jump pit, two food rooms have been outfitted as a professional kitchen (for high school classes) and a regular kitchen (for future grades 6-7-8 classes)
- Numerous other upgrades such as plumbing, painting and infrastructure
- Looking at adding seating and lights in future
- Meeting regarding next year's upgrades will take place in spring (i.e. Science Labs)
- After school Kickstart Family Studies Programs (Two classes on Mondays and Wednesdays)
- October 7 – Printed Progress Reports
- Marks being added into Edsby and updated now
- October 14 – Thanksgiving
- October 17 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- November 6 - Awards Night
- Five teachers retired at the end of the year
- Staffing – New teachers this year are Mrs. Perkins – English, Mr. Shimkoff – Math and Civics/Careers, Mr. John Clouthier - Math, Mr, Ben Daniar – Drama and Foods
- Voicemail to Email is now working!!
- Picture Retake Day November 7
- June 8 - Graduation Day
- Looking for Year Book Staff Advisor
- Last year's yearbooks likely ready end of October
- Graduation pictures November 18-28

9. Student Council

- October 30 - Halloween Dance
- October 11 - Pep Rally
- Buyout Friday, October 4 during Period 5 for Basketball Tournament

NEXT PARENT'S COUNCIL MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2019 @ 6:30