

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
January 23, 2018

Present: Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Cheri Lappage, Dimitri Demetrokopoulos

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.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Viking – coming up with some names to vote on next month
- Lou Kok is building a case for the mascot
- Elevators –both working now but we are waiting for approval to use
- Swipe cards are ready to go. Staff need to be trained. Should be up and running by next semester. Doors will lock on a time schedule.
- SSRU (South side renewal update). Agnew & Edgewater had a meeting regarding proposals for Grade 7&8's discussing options where to move

5. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report

- Exams start January 25
- New semester starts February 5
- Grade 9 EQAO Math Testing will be January 22 & 23
- Academic 82-87%; Applied – working on opportunities for improvement
- We will be offering a Guidance Learning Strategies (GLS) course which will focus on math and help kids be successful in math
- Two official retirements 1) Mrs. Rosemary McNabb from the Science Department will be retiring at the beginning of February 2) Mr. Bruno Corbin from the French Phys Ed Department at the end of June
- We will likely not be offering the Grade 10/11/12 French Phys Ed; we'll more likely offer French Business or French Foods for Grade 10/11/12

- Foods & Nutrition class is a less academic class, but would continue French vocabulary, speaking & writing. It is a practical and has a cultural component.
- List of improvements to Hammarskjold that we are hoping to complete by September needs to be prioritized: Maintenance – patching and painting, School network upgrade for fibre optics, Back of school exterior foundation work, Library roof upgraded, Boys change rooms need to be renovated, Girls showers, Brand new plasma cutter, Foods Rooms renovations, Science rooms renovations

6. Correspondence

- February 23 @ 11am – Citizenship Ceremony to take place in Hammarskjold Gym with Director MacRae and Trustee Marg Arnone
- There will be a live Canadian anthem and a brief musical performance

7. Student Council Report

- Christmas assembly went well
- Appreciated staff skit
- Need appropriate size Santa suit
- Appreciated new microphones and speakers
- Gingerbread making house contest
- Hot chocolate day
- Plan assembly to be longer next year
- Hoping to do Spring Fling

8. New Business

- Parents council to consider scholarships for graduation (Criteria to be determined)
- Churchill archives moving to Board office
- IMC (Instructional Materials Centre) moving from Board office to Hammarskjold Library
- Dave Covello has approved new furniture for Library when IMC moves in
- Renovations to start on March Break and to be completed by September

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- 1) WEDNESDAY MARCH 21 @ 6:30**
- 2) WEDNESDAY MAY 9 @ 6:30**