



2019-2020 Parent Council Year End Report

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School Year: 2019-2020

SIR ROBERT BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL - PARENT COUNCIL YEAR END REPORT

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

According to the Sir Robert Borden (SRB) School Council Constitution, the SRB School Council's mandate includes "serving as a liaison among the school, the Board, parents, students and the community, advising on areas of school policy, maintaining a school wide focus within the parameters established by the Board." The Council also "proposes initiatives aimed at maximizing educational opportunities and enhancing school life and establishing its goals, priorities and procedures, while promoting the best interests of the community."

Sir Robert Borden High School consists of intermediate grades 7 and 8 as well as secondary grades 9 - 12.

Council Members of the 2019-20 school year:

Council Role	Council Member
Principal	Wendy Verreault
Vice-Principals	Christina Gillanders (7-8) John Unsworth (9-12) Ken McQueen (9-12)
Student Representative	Mansi Sethi (9-12)
Teaching Staff	Chris Wilson (7-8) Julia Saunders (9-12)
Chair	Carmen Parsons (9-12)
Secretary/Treasurer	Maria Schnarr
OCASC Representative	Helen Norman
Council Members at Large	Rhian Evans Torie Del Grosso Jen Poole Ann McEachern Heike Payne Lynn Fuller

Chair - lead the meetings between parents and school. Provide feedback to school where required. Act as a liason for parents.

Secretary - take minutes of meetings and provide support to chair as required.

OCASC representative - represent our council on the council of school councils and to bring issues and ideas to the greater community and to bring ideas back to our council.

Members at Large - we need you to help guide our school team and provide feedback and input into the parent council for spending and direction.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL

A huge thank you to all Council members and staff for their commitment and contributions to the students and staff at SRB.

Additional Council Information

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019-2020

In 2019-2020, there were five Council meetings scheduled. Most Council meetings include the following standard reports:

- student report, by student representative Mansi Sethi, sharing non-academic events organized by and for students (grades 9-12 only) throughout the year;
- teacher reports, by teacher representatives Chris Wilson representing Grades 7 & 8 and Julia Saunders representing Grades 9-12, sharing notable academic activities or events; and
- principal's report, by Wendy Verreault, providing a global perspective on SRB, leadership initiatives within SRB, the impact of various board-wise initiatives on SRB such as the amalgamation, as well as financial reporting

Other members also report to Council when required. The SRB School Council representatives to OCASC (Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils), Helen Norman, shared news and ideas from the regular meetings of this body to help inform our School Council's discussions.

In addition to the standard reports, key discussions, presentations, and events that took place at each meeting are summarized below:

- **September 10, 2019:** Update on summer construction. Tour of the new gym. Request for staff reports to be provided electronically so they can be posted with other meeting minutes. Elections for Council seats also took place. Carmen Parsons will represent Grades 9-12 as chair.
 - **November 12, 2019:** Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.
 - **January 14, 2020:** The meeting was moved to Mr. Shea's room to hear him speak about the SHSM in Architecture that is offered at SRB. One tip of note was to consider the courses required to obtain the SHSM while the student is in grade 9 or 10 and make a plan to fit all requirements in since this can be challenging.
 - **March 10, 2020:** Cancelled due to school power outage.
 - **May 12, 2020:** Cancelled due to pandemic
 - **June 9, 2020:** Cancelled due to pandemic. 2020-2021 planning and dates for 2020-2021 meetings done via email with principal Wendy Verrault.
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COUNCIL FINANCES

The SRB School Council receives an annual allocation of \$500 from the Ministry. All Council funds are held in the school bank account and administered by the school. The principal's report at each meeting includes a discussion of the Council finances.

PROPOSED MEETINGS FOR 2020-2021

September 10	Welcome to Incoming Parents. Elections Principal Report and Financial Report
October 20th	6:30 - Auditorium Students and parents are invited to an information session on navigating the process of applying for post-secondary education and information about scholarships. Essential for Grade 12s. Grade 11s welcome
November 10th	Guest speaker Sandra Lillico, Nutrition & Human Performance SHSM Guest speaker, Blake Potter. Community Safety & Emergency Services SHSM Principal Report and Financial Report
January 12th	Parents will receive an overview of Career Cruising course calendar and the on-line selection form. Learn why it is important that your child take the time to properly select their course options. Principal Report and Financial Report
March 9th	OSSLT Literacy Preparation Principal Report and Financial Report
May 11th	PRO Grant presentation TBD Principal Report and Financial Report
June 8th	Establish timetable for next year Principal to report details for 2021-22 start-up (schedules, lockers, fees) Principal report and Financial Year End Report
