

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

January 11, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 PM through Google Meet.

Present (based on Google Meet user names)

Carmen Parsons, Chair Trevor Grills, Vice-Principal John Ioannou, Intermediate VP Christopher Wilson, Intermediate School Rep Susan Griffin, Guidance Counsellor Emilene Ordeman, Secretary Bacheer Alchallah Rosalie Allen Jarvis Ali Altkkali Brenda Asselstine Joanne Cheng Sharon Creasey Crosscreek	Wei Cui Torie Del Grosso Olajumoke Dosunmu Ayodele Sunny Gao Pooneh Kianfar Andrea Horton Tina Maisonneuve A McEachern Heike Payne Qun Wang Stephanie Wille Mulin Xie
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Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was approved unchanged

Approval of minutes from November

- The minutes from November were approved unchanged

Student Report for Grades 9-12 – Himani Parajuli

- Absent, see Principal's report for High School news

Presentation on Upcoming Course Selection for High School Students – Susan Griffin

See attached presentation

- Xello the platform used for course selection
- Grade 8 course selections due Feb 17; Gr. 9-11 due Mar 9
- 40 hours of community involvement: reminder that students can start accumulating hours as soon they complete Gr. 8 (i.e., the summer before they begin Gr. 9)
- Provincial literacy requirement waived for Gr. 12 students this year
- Destreaming: teachers will use differentiated instruction and cooperation education to deliver courses
- Guidance Counsellors: Susan.Griffin@ocdsb.ca; Mark.mullins@ocdsb.ca

Intermediate Teacher's Report – Chris Wilson

- Going back to school seen as a positive thing for social interaction
- Message from Kathryn Ferris: A huge **Thank you** to the parent council for supporting the Red Maple and White Pine reading programs. As a literacy teacher, I am eagerly suggesting them to students. (I have personally read 7/10 of them and am working to finish them all!) These books reflect Canadian stories, world stories, world issues and social justice. It's so important to have new books to encourage dialogue and learning. Having "good books" from Canadian authors certainly inspires our student writers. Thank you for making this possible!
- I hate when I hear from adults "What's wrong with kids these days?", My answer is "NOTHING!". The intermediate team was approached by the High School Key Club to help with the food drive. Signs were posted and teachers stepped up to offer prizes. Six students from 8b volunteered to help collect at recess. Our goal was 1000 items and it was collected the first week. So another goal was set, to collect another 1000 and to beat the high school side! Though our population in SRB is smaller than the high school, we did it! The second week, we collected over 2,106 additional items!! Thank you to staff, students and our generous families to make this possible.
- This year, Sir Robert Borden High School came together to raise an incredible \$3,414.80 for cancer research for our Terry Fox School Run. The Terry Fox Foundation is so grateful for our commitment and dedication. It is wonderful to see that Terry continues to inspire millions of students across the country. If you have not donated and would still like to contribute, our school donation link is still open at <http://www.terryfox.ca/SirRobertBordenHSNepean> #TryLikeTerry

High school Teacher's Report – Vacant

- See Principal's report

Principal's Report – Trevor Grills, Vice-Principal, for Matt Gagnier

- Happy New Year - Thank you for your patience and support as a community. Right now we are in a 2 week period of remote learning (Jan 5-17). Today there was news circulation about the pending return to in-person learning; once we get more information and confirmation from our board we will communicate return plans and adjustments that we are required to make based on advice/direction from the school board and OPH.
 - Thank you to all our incredible staff who quickly adjusted plans to remote learning.
 - The school distributed approximately 140 Chromebooks to families last week for students based on requested need and access.
 - Our ASD Team has the majority of their students back in-person learning beginning this week, along with the staff that work with students in our ASD Program.
 - If you have questions or things to celebrate and pass along, please reach out to your child's teacher.
- Student Events in November/December:
 - Celebrated Student Voice through Student Council running of Town Hall Event
 - Spirit Week before the holidays
 - Grade-based lunch zone games with OPH protocols

- Holocaust Memorial Exhibit - numerous classes from Intermediate and Secondary attended the Stars without a Heaven Exhibit during Holocaust Education Week.
 - Best Buddies also was back in-person with the resumption of some additional in-person extra-curricular activities.
- Successful Fundraisers
 - Key Club, Student Council and Intermediate Team collaboration - almost 2000 food items were given to the Morrison Gardens Food Bank before the holiday break.
 - Final Tally from the fall Terry Fox Run with Intermediate Students was \$3,414.80! Thank you to the school community and to Mr. Van Belois for organizing.
 - Global Youth Club - \$1,200 was raised to support orphans in Haiti through the annual coffee fundraiser.
- From Mr. Zubryn (Co-op Teacher)
 - We are currently looking for a co-op placement at a law firm and the usual contacts are filled at this time. If you know any parents/families who are lawyers and are working at law firms that can accept co-op placements for high school students, please contact Eugene.Zubryn@ocdsb.ca (or reach out to school admin team)
- From Guidance Department:
 - Grade 12 OUAC Applications to University are due this January 13, 2022
 - Grade 12 OCAS Applications to College are due February 1, 2022
 - High School Course Selection for next year for students will be beginning in February
- Reminder that Ontario and the OCDSB is ending streamed courses (i.e. Academic vs. applied) for students entering Grade 9 next year.
 - SRB and the OCDSB are already delivering Grade 9 Destreamed Math this year. SRB is doing a combined academic/applied class for Grade 9's this year.
 - Goal is to continue to help students pursue their pathway and goals through exploration of courses as they move through high school.
 - Grade 9 Course package at SRB next year to reflect de-streamed courses for all compulsory courses.
- Question: How is destreaming going? A: Destreaming is going well. There has likely been an easier transition for Geography instruction, given that the Ministry of Education provided a new curriculum
- Grad Photo Retakes and SRB Photo Days for Grade 7-12 students have been postponed due to the remote learning period. We will do our best to reschedule as we are able to.
- February Items (No School Council in February)
 - Currently still planning for a return to the 4-period a day model for Semester 2 in high school, as previously announced before the holidays.
 - Toonie Tuesday is coming up in February to support the Education Foundation of Ottawa. The Education Foundation supports students and families across the OCDSB every year by running breakfast programs for students, and providing additional supports to families in financial need. A link for donation will be sent out on School Cash online. Each year SRB students benefit from the education foundation through breakfast programs and additional needs for individual students/families. Thank you in advance for considering to support our students.

- Student Success Day: no classes for High School students on Feb 2. (Term 2 starts on Feb 3)
 - Secondary end of Semester 1 Report cards will go home on School messenger on February 10.
 - Intermediate Term 1 Report Cards will go home on School messenger on February 16.
 - PA Day (Elementary and Secondary) February 18, 2022
- Finally - Lots of support is available even during remote learning - Students still have access to Guidance, Student Success Teachers, and Learning Support Teachers can still meet and support any student with an IEP. Classroom teachers are working to support your child via Google Meets/Breakout Rooms/during class time. Additional learning support available through OCDSB Virtual Support (Mon-Thurs 4-7pm). Mental health supports are also available in the community - information was sent out to families last week along with remote learning information. Please reach out to your child's teacher or guidance if your child needs additional support.
 - Financial Report (PDF) attached. Account is in good shape. Account balance does not reflect \$321.14 for the set of books for the school library (Red Maple/White Pine book list) that school council agreed to pay for during the last meeting. Invoice should be processed by next month.

Intermediate School Principal's Report – John Ioannu

- Shared Experience-opportunity for a group of students to take the lead in student voice to promote equity in our curriculum and promote anti-racism, anti-homophobic, gender equity, initiatives in our school community through presentations and activities to engage the student community
- Roen Higgins - Canadian slam poet who lives in Montreal, is presenting virtual creative writing workshops for grade 8 classes on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022
- Craig Cardiff - Local musician who presents music creation sessions with our students is continuing to present to all classes
- Get Real Movement is an organization promoting equity in all facets of society. December 2021 they presented their Anti-racism session; January 31st is the gender equity and anti-homophobic presentation
- Early Intervention Program - is a mental health program developed and provided by the Royal Ottawa Hospital for students who identify as needing mental health support, these groups are continuing to meet weekly
- Lexia- a new reading and writing software program purchased by the school board to provide extra support to students who are not reading and writing at grade level; we have 18 licenses and they will be used for students who are not already supported through the empower reading program or the English language learner program, and will be shared with students
- Grade 9 course selection process for grade 8 students is continuing, all courses will be selected by February 17th.

- Report cards- for children who enrolled after the 10th of December, we will not provide a report card
- Children who need items from the school please email or call the school to set up a time to retrieve those items between 8:30am and 3:30pm.
- Technology has been distributed to all families who made requests, and osc.parent@ocdsb.ca is the contact for tech support
- When we return, encourage students to dress warmly because they will be outside unless the temperature reaches -25 degrees Celsius, or extreme weather conditions.
- Friday, January 21st, 2022 is PA Day for Grade 7 and 8 students

OCASC Representative's Report - Vacant

- Information on monthly meetings are available at <https://ocasc.ca/>

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm