

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

May 10, 2022

A virtual meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:03 PM through Google Meet.

Present (based on Google Meet user names)

Carmen Parsons, Chair	Sharon Creasey
Matt Gagnier, Principal	Joanne
Kathryn Ferris, Intermediate Teacher rep	Andrea Horton
Emilene Ordeman, Secretary	Alison Harvey
Heike Payne	Himani Parajuli
Al McEachern	Joanne Cheng
Brenda Asselstine	Jackie Luffman
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Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was approved unchanged

Approval of minutes from March

- The minutes from March were approved unchanged

Student Report for Grades 9-12 – Himani Parajuli

- Weather changing, rules being lifted, being nice for students
- Student council is able to plan more events with ease; focus to keep students involved in school
- With grade 11/12, keep morale high as there is added stress from school
- Additional events: BBQ with Relay and Student Council combined, Oscar night planning for June
- Main goal is to keep events rolling to help ensure student body is having fun
- Survey to gauge how students are feeling and planning for next year, to help support transition
- Relay for Life - Friday June 3; fundraising going on right now.

Intermediate Teacher's Report – Kathryn Ferris

- Celebr8 - Grade 8 event – highlights of the great work that is happening but a little shorter; more information being sent soon to Gr. 8 parents. Wednesday June 29, 11am start time (to coordinate with Knoxdale Public School event)
- Student Vote activities being run with Intermediate students, to parallel the provincial election, as part of Civic Engagement
- Early Intervention Program - concluding this May after almost year long program (partnership with CHEO Worker)
- Creative Partnership with Craig Cardiff
- Relay for Life - first time that Intermediate students are participating in this event; Intermediate event will be run on Thursday June 2 (PD day in Intermediate on Fri June 3)

- Grade 7 Immersion classes constructing lunch box coolers for heating unit; field trip to Bruce Pit in the coming weeks
- World Cup Soccer tournament happening with multiple classes
- Intramurals are back; a number of different sports being offered and change (competitive + non-competitive days) everyone is welcome; information on the white boards where students enter building

High school Teacher's Report – Vacant

- See Principal's report

Principal's Report and Financial Report – Matt Gagnier, Principal

School Year Updates

- Since last meeting before the March Break, we have had considerable relaxing of COVID protocols - no more lunch zones for high school students, class cohorting has also ended. Intermediate students are now eating in the cafeteria again, and we will soon be introducing lockers for intermediates.
- Brief pause on masking, and subsequent re-introduction of mandatory masking in all OCDSB buildings. It is still required for all students to perform daily screening before coming to school for everyone's health and safety.
- Rapid Antigen tests remain available to top up any students/families that require them. Your child can get a test kit from the main office if needed.
- Focusing on readying for a hopeful more "normal" upcoming school year, but at the same time reflecting on practices that helped reduce barriers for students and families. Managing uncertainty has become part of our school routine, however our staff have done tremendous work in providing as consistent a school experience as possible for our students.
- OSSLT - Grade 10's recently wrote the Literacy Test. Thanks to Ms. Rankin and staff for fitting 2 grades in one year! Grade 9 Math EQAO will be scheduled in June.
- Spring Sports: Soccer, Track, Girls Touch Football, and Baseball are up and running
- Intramurals are running again for Intermediate students during recess if students
- Relay for Life: Our relay committee has already reached \$20,000 - our goal is \$50,000 and the event will be on June 3 in the afternoon. Donations can be made through the Relay for Life website under SRB
- Guidance Department Update
 - Summer school registration is ongoing; high school students can connect with their guidance counselor, and Intermediate students work through the recommendation process with their subject teacher and Mr. Ioannou
- A reminder that there are no exams this year; the last day of school for grade 9-12 students is Tuesday June 28 (Fri June 24 - last day for tasks/assignments, June 27-28 are student success/consolidation and celebration of learning days). The last day of school for Intermediate students is Thursday June 30.

Staffing Season for 2022-2023

It's that time of year again where we are finishing up this year and working into next year.

Preliminary staffing are as follows:

- Intermediate
 - Projected Enrolment of 358 students (will likely increase due to registrations)

- 3 Grade 7 English Classes, 3 Grade 7 French Immersion, 3 Grade 8 English Classes, 4 Grade 8 French Immersion
- This is tentative, through until final staffing confirmations at the end of September
- Two retirements on staff (Mr. Côté, Mme Berros), will be hiring one full time French teacher for next year
- Secondary
 - Projected Enrolment of 736 students (increase of ~30 students)
 - Timetabling process underway, students will not get their timetable until the first day of school as in previous years
- Admin
 - No admin changes for next year, at this time
- Instrumental music program will return to International School next year: Mr. Cooper, who has been working with OCV, will be back next year
- Students will rotate classrooms again next year
- Two high school teachers returning from OCV

Transitions

- Welcome to Grade 7 Night
 - Scheduled for May 26; event will be held virtually
- For events: planning has to accommodate different levels of comfort among families and to be prepared for any change in public health direction. Some restrictions on timing (for example, no evenings)
- Celebr8 - Grade 8 Recognition
 - Informal celebration for our grade 8 students before entering high school; this is not a leaving ceremony as students are not leaving!
 - We are working out the details and will send an update to Grade 8 families in the coming weeks; Celebr8 will take place in the morning on Wednesday June 29
- Grade 12 Graduation
 - Planning underway; Grad will be taking place in person on Thursday June 30
 - Holding two ceremonies this year to accommodate everyone's comfort; each student will be able to bring two guests; times for each ceremony TBD
 - First communication being sent out to grade 12 students and families this week
 - Will have a virtual slideshow for families who are unable to attend
- Celebr8 – informal event to mark end of elementary school and beginning of high school experience. Strict limits on numbers, shorter event. Video will be shared so that people who can't attend can see it.
- Attendance varies week to week. In a normal year: generally 5-10% students are away on any given day; this hovered at 10-15% this year. Never hit 30% threshold where school has to report out.
- Cafeteria has not reopened this year. Board has been in conversations on possible contractor for cafeteria next year. Vending machines popular right now.
- Luckily, no classes have needed to be closed as a result of staffing shortages so far.
- Intermediate school: daily occasional teachers to cover, some part-time teachers and support staff covering.

- High School structure is different, with on call and teaching assignments in collective agreements.

OCASC Representative's Report - Vacant

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

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm