



Uxbridge Secondary School Community Council Meeting

October 22, 2019 – Minutes

In Attendance: Michelle Crawford-Eade (Principal), Erin Oliver (Vice-Principal), Lisa Edwards, Trish Irven, Jason Cole, Nancy Mann, Heidi Weitzman, Sandra Haworth, Charlotte Truter, Caroline Jones, Sonya Kehoe, Kimber Stokes (Student Council), Mary Stewart (Student Council), Natalie Wood, Julie Morrison, Michelle Lindsey, Robert Walker (Teacher Rep), Nicole Cantkier, Gail Dee,

1) Welcome and opening remarks by Lisa Edwards

2) Approval of Minutes from September. 1st Michelle Lindsey, 2nd – Sonya Kehoe

3) Student Council Report – Kimber and Mary

- Next Student Spirit Event is Halloween. Those coming in costume will get a “treat” (suckers) when arriving at school.
- Kindness Week – Nov 18-22. This is an Anti-Bullying Prevention week. Events include: Hot Chocolate and/or Sucker giveaway, Positive reinforcement messages in halls and bathrooms, Kindness challenges, Charity Donation Day.
- 24 students recently returned from Leadership Camp. Themes and Workshops were dedicated to planning activities for the May Camp. Applications for the larger camp will be available the 1st week of 2nd semester.
- Terry Fox/ Cams Kids Run raised \$1500. \$750 for each charity.

4) SCC Items

Voting Members Review Process. Michelle and SCC exec reviewed the need for voting members this year to address upcoming review of Dress Code, raising \$ for SCC scholarships, etc. Voting members must be able to attend all 3 of the upcoming SCC meetings.

The following members put their names forward to be voting members and we thank them:

Lisa Edwards, Heidi Weitzman, Nancy Mann, Charlotte Truter, Michelle Lindsey, Trish Irven, Jason Cole, Sonya Kehoe, Natalie Wood, Caroline Jones.

Sonya Kehoe volunteered to be treasurer for any future fundraising towards increasing the SCC scholarship from \$300.

Communication: Admin will send regular updates through school messenger emails, updates from SCC will be included in USS Tiger Twitter, SCC minutes will be added to the new school website.

Additional item: Heidi Weitzman nominated Nicole Cantkier as SCC Community Rep. Nicole is a parent of a former student attending SCC meetings to simply give back. Nicole's nomination was unanimously passed.

5) Principal's Report:

Discussion around a number of school incidents and rumoured incidents. Those seeking details should contact admin for further clarification and updates.

Reports that field trips have been cancelled due to funding cuts are not true. There were disruptions due to labour actions but all is back on track now.

Custodial staff was excellent and worked very hard to get the school cleaned at open after the labour dispute was resolved.

Bullying button on school website reviewed. Anonymous reports can be submitted and go directly to Michelle Crawford-Eade. Bullying Prevention program is a live document. Feedback from the Student Climate survey is being integrated. Overall the students feel very safe in the school. The one area of exception is the bathrooms. Improving this is a priority item. Including emphasis on gender neutral bathrooms and preventing vaping/smoking. Admin is actively checking bathrooms and any students caught smoking will be issued a 1st offence 3-day suspension and \$350 fine. Positive discussion on addressing bullying prevention followed.

6) Teacher Report:

- Mr. Walker offered apologies for missing the first SCC meetings
- First Music Night of the school year is Thursday Oct. 24th 7-8pm. Junior, Senior and Jazz bands will be playing. The Jazz Band also performed at the DDSB Board meeting on Monday Oct.21 to very positive reviews.
- Mark reporting and parent teacher interviews were positive.
- Safe Schools committee is active. Second meeting coming up with tour of the school to assess where students feel safe and identify areas for improvement. Nov.5. Community reps are welcome.
- Labour Update – OSSTF is applying for a conciliator. This is a lengthy process and no need for panic about a strike at this point. Job action, if any, is undetermined at this point. OSSTF is in the same position as the Elementary and Catholic Unions.
- Pro Grant funding has been reduced from \$1000 to \$500 dollars.
- Thanked parents for support.

7) Guidance Report – Ms. Allen could not attend but provided a written report.

Other: Parent teacher Interviews – An oversight occurred and a voice message to parents failed to go out. Overall, attendance at interviews was down almost 2% which may or may not be a result of the oversight. Parents who missed booking an interview should not hesitate to reach out to their student's teacher(s).

Shortened bus schedule on interview days cannot be changed due to busses being shared with elementary schools.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

November 19, 2019

February 11, 2020

April 21, 2020