

***ENSS Parent Council  
Minutes  
November 29, 2021***

Regrets: Cyndi Dixon, Kim Leger, Chantal Fraser, Louise Leighton, Kim Leighton, Jamie Runions

Adoption of Agenda: Motion - Jessica, Seconded - Carolyn

Principal's Report - Tracey Burke

- Photos highlighting the events from the Fall
- Academics -
  - OSSLT digital test been taking place this month - Fall session (grade 11's) and spring session (grade 10's)
  - Scheduled classes when most convenient
  - Math on 5th and 6th - in quad 2 for grade 9's
  - SHSM programming - lots of things happening - courses like chainsaw and working at heights, business visits
  - Teachers are seeing academic gaps - especially in Math
  - Working to getting down to the enduring understandings of the courses
  - Very different learning from online to the classroom
  - Academic gaps will be addressed
  - Gaps in socialization will take more time
  - Destreamed Math and one pilot English class
- Athletics
  - Three cross country meets - Boys 4th overall at OFSAA
  - Boys soccer - Bay of Quinte finals
  - Kendrick Webster - 4th overall at OFSAA for golf
  - lots of sports try-outs happening now
  - Lots of new clubs up and running to engage students (drill, performance, games, environmental, etc.) - increase socialization and give students something to do during lunch
  - Upcycle - Chic Boutique - donated clothes for students to use
  - Terry Fox Run - not as big as previously but still a focus of the school to raise money and awareness - cohorted "run" for students
  - Commencement - time slots for students and pictures
  - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - announcements, activity, thumbprints - past and future moving forward as a country represented in the pink and orange thumbprints
  - Give a little bit holiday campaign - focus on our kids and families in our building

Question re: extra-curricular - Where is funding for athletics that used to come from chocolate sales? - A lot is coming from student government in that they haven't been able to use the funds raised previously. Some funding is also coming from principal's discretion. Student council will return to fundraising eventually.

#### Teacher Report - Brooke Pemberton

- A lot going on at the school
- Recognize that this a fraction of what is normally permitted to get done - this year is coming back to life
- Destreaming
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  - A bit smaller class sizes - not at full cap of regular class sizes
  - Accessible for all learners in the classroom
  - Sound learning that the staff have done with destreaming and make it accessible for everyone
  - Happening in Math and one English this year and all courses next year
  - Learning process for staff but the push is for allowing students to find their way in high school before they may be prepared to do this determining their future plans in grade 9
  - Big change for education system in Ontario - last province that is streaming currently in grade 9
- Culturally responsive and reflective pedagogy
  - Identifying who the learners are and understanding that everyone is coming from different backgrounds
  - Identifying who you have in front of you and being inclusive and making learning accessible to all students in your classroom

#### Student Report - Molly Hussey

- Focusing on Christmas and getting students into the holiday spirit
- Planning a couple dances
- Singing chorus that will be taped for students
- Bullying Prevention Week - organized by students, box located in Four Corners - write a name of a person who committed a kind act and what they did - read those on announcements, played music in the hallways, supplied resources for students, quotes, raise awareness that students are all there for each other
- Spirit Weeks - trying to do as much as possible since it is one thing that can happen during this time
- BAM - celebration for grade 9's getting through the first part of high school - games with smaller groups of students

#### Student Success Team

- Group of people to support students when they are struggling
- When the teacher has done what they can within the school and with the support of the parent - teacher fills out a student success referral form
- Meets every Tuesday after school
- Admin, Guidance, Special Education Lead, Student Success Lead Teachers, School Board Counsellor
- Student is assigned to one member of the team for follow up
- If the student has an IEP - Special Education lead
- If the issue is mental health - school board counsellor, Guidance
- If the issue is achievement/attendance - SST
- Identifying needs and trying to find solutions for the issues that are presenting themselves
- Mental Health Support - Amy Lett
  - Role is to support mental health of students
  - Deals with students on anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, etc.
  - A referral is made and she connects with parents for consent and then meets with the students
  - At this time she has a waitlist
  - When speaking with policy makers in our community we need to advocate for more supports in our area
  - Giving students opportunities to connect is so important
  - Social media, peers, and school are what students see as vital to their sense of belonging

#### Parents Reaching Out Grants - Carolyn

- Each board is given a lump sum of money and distribute as per applications from parent council
- Up to \$1000
- Anything you want to get parents involved in their students' education
- Guest speakers - parenting post-pandemic
- Tracey to contact some people on possible speakers
- Someone willing to do the grant application - Carolyn and Tracey to work on this together to send off

#### Parent Involvement Committee Report - Carolyn

- Annual parent conference - focus has been on mental health
- Dr. David Templeman - London, Ontario
- Topic - You've Got This - Mental Health After COVID
- Highest attended parent conference we have ever had
- 650 participants live and was also recorded (also 200 watched afterwards)
- On the Board website for anyone who wants to watch it or link below
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXr5aF96B5w&feature=youtu.be>

### Regional Parent Council Report - Carolyn

- Next meeting tomorrow
- PIC reps were voted in
- Trustees report - Board is updating policy and procedures, accommodation plans are being looked at, reviewing the French options in Eastern part of the Board, challenges with dealing with lack of bus drivers

### School Council Excellence in Leadership Survey Questions - Carolyn

- Push to the next meeting because only two parents
- Tracey is going to create a Google document for parents to share their thoughts and complete the survey - will be sent out by Tracey
- Parent input on culture of the school and who you want as an administrator

### New Business -

- None

New Meeting Date and Time: February 28, 2021 at 6pm - link and reminders to be sent

*Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm*