



## **Ancaster High School Council**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Monday Oct. 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Library/Learning Commons**

**1. Welcome** to Ancaster High School Council- Land Acknowledgement

Regrets from:

Approval of September minutes

**2. Reports**

1. Student Council Presidents- Olivia Elliot and Akshay Maharaj

2. Staff Representative- V. Fletcher

3. Principal- R. Gallant

4. Vice-Principals- L. Baillie and M. Currie

**3. Open Issues**

1. Plant and Safety

**4. New Business/Correspondence/Announcements**

1. School Council elections

2. Other business

**5. Next School Council Meetings**

Monday Nov. 27, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 16 and May 14.

**6. Adjournment**

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt represents the treaty relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinaabe with respect to sharing the land and resources thereon.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

### **School Council minutes- October 16, 2017**

1. Welcome - reading of land acknowledgment

Attendance - Rhu Sherrard (chair), Lisa Collins (secretary), Lisa Mancini, Roberta Crowther, Rosemarie McCutcheon, Akshay Maharaj (student council president), Mr. Gallant (principal), Mr. Currie (V.P.), Ms. Fletcher (teacher rep)

Regrest - Pauline Boulos

Approval of September minutes - Lisa Mancini, Rosemarie McCutcheon

## 2. Reports

### a. student council president - Akshay Maharaj

- Homecoming dance/event - ticket sell out, junior volleyball tournament due to no football team.
- Spirit days - high student participation
- Nov 30th - semi formal dance at Marquis Gardens
- Oct 21st - Halloween extravaganza including costumes, and B.A.A. haunted zone
- Oct 24th - dress in purple day for child abuse awareness
- Project north - project (fundraising and donations) to provide children in the far north with sports equipment (hockey)
- Childrens Miracle network - will be arranging a meeting with school council to investigate opportunities for the program
- Grade 9 night - was a huge success

Suggestion from parent - list school events (spirit days etc) on-line, so parents are aware of student activities.

### b. Staff representative - Ms. V. Fletcher

- listed the success of many sports teams
- Musical production - cast has been chosen, rehearsals begun
- Friday October 27th - double movie feature movie night
- Transitional/leadership opportunities - Grade 9 take your kid to work day; Day in the Life, where Grade 8 students from feeder schools visit AHS for workshops of classes (3-4 students accompanying groups).
- Consideration of a possibility of obtaining a service dog for students with anxiety.
- Preliminary reports went home on Friday October 13th, with interviews being held on Wednesday October 18th

### c. Principal report - Mr. Gallant

- Terry Fox run - raised \$3300.00
- Friday October 27th - awards of excellence assembly @ 0830
- Student scholarship opportunities - students should explore the many options / visit with guidance counsellor.
- OPHEA healthy schools certification - AHS was recipient of silver certification. Recognition will be awarded at HWDSB meeting on October 30th
- Special appreciation days - Oct 2nd National Custodial Day, Oct 5th World Teachers Day, Oct 16-20 Bus driver appreciation. School council would like notification of these days to be able to take consideration.

### d. Vice principal - Mr. Currie

- Wednesday November 15th - IEP (Individual Education Plan) information meeting for students with special needs; transition to post-secondary education (HWDSB organized).
- Health and Safety - monthly inspections ongoing at the school, larger inspections occur semi-annually

3. Open issues

a. Plant and Safety - minor repairs/cosmetic fixes ongoing. Water quality testing has occurred. There is a possibility of installing cameras at the school.

4. New business/correspondence/announcements

a. school council elections - Chair - Rhu Sherrard (Rosemarie McCutcheon/Lisa Collins)

Secretary - Lisa Collins (Rhu Sherrard/Rosemarie McCutcheon)

5. Next school council meeting: Monday Nov. 27

6. Adjournment - 720pm