

Ancaster School Council Meeting Monday May 13, 2019

ATTENDEES

Rhu Sherrard (chair)
Randy Gallant (principal)
Mark Currie (Vice Principal)
Shelly Ferney (Vice Principal)
Liam Outlaw (student council)
Shane Jeffrey (student council)
Lisa Mancini
Rosemarie McCutcheon
Sandra Starr
Barb Love
Pauline Boulos

REGRETS

Elizabeth Crawford
Lisa Collins

Approval of February minutes – Pauline Boulos and Barb Love

Reports

Student council

- **Grad council selling Prom tickets – till Thursday May 16th \$70/ticket**
- **Heritage Day – ongoing preparations for June 14th and 15th**
- **Cut Cancer Event - June 5th during lunch and Period 3** Cut Cancer is an annual event run by the students: BBQ, walk, games.
- **Elections will be held the beginning of June**
- **Mental Health Week** - went well – Motivational speaker Juan Mandana – story based motivational speaker presented during an auditorium for all students
- **Deca trip to Orlando, Florida – Great event – students gain a lot of valuable experience - one student made the top 20, Lucas Gordan**

Staff (Ms. Fletcher)

1. **Deca Trip – Orlando 10 students went, 1 qualified top 20**
2. **DELF – French Exams, A2, B1, B2 levels success!**
3. **IB exams have started**
4. **High School Musical – evening shows May 23rd May 24th May 29th 7pm - doors open at 6:30 \$10/ticket \$5 for students**
Ms. Turner has done an incredible job with the musical
Students have been responsible for all aspects – costumes, tech, set design, etc.
5. **Mr. Schurer is facilitating the Triathlon - May 24th**

6. **Cut/Cancer Relay for Life** – if there are any parents who own businesses and want to donate prizes please contact Ms. Turner or Ms. Fletcher. All money raised goes to Cancer Relay for Life
7. **Totally Awesome Women's Breakfast:** Joan DeBoer and Miss O'Sullivan reported that there were really good speakers at the event and it was a wonderful experience for the students
8. **Take the Lead** – Ms. Turner taking 10 students to a conference – to learn how to be a leader
9. **Mental Health Week** – Student Voice kids did a staff appreciation event – students were invited to write personalized comments about staff. A list was then compiled which was put up on the board in the staff room – teachers definitely appreciated it – it was a feel good project – excellent timing!

Randy Gallant Principal's report

1. **HOSA – 6 students in June will represent our school in Orlando- Ms Crowe is the teacher advisor**
2. **Athletic banquet June 6th in the auditorium** – celebrate student athletes – there is a lunch
3. **Hall of Distinction - June 5th** – Fresh Local Kitchen will be catering the event – Trustees, media will be here
4. **Exams start June 20th but Grade 12s will start June 14th** – to get prepared for Grad – schedule is coming out at the end of this week
5. **Community Prayer Breakfast** – at Liuna Station a non-denominational event in which different faiths attended
6. **Grad ceremony June 27th at 4 at Carmen's**
7. **Service dog will be in the Social Communications Program for next school year** – while the service dog has the vest on it is working so it cannot be approached, pet, etc. More communication will be coming soon

Vice Principal Report

- **Accessibility Project** – have to replace the lifts as they do not comply with standards – gone out to tender – this summer the spaces will be demolished to prepare for the new elevators for October 2019
- **Windows will be replaced**
- **Work on the field has been delayed**
- **Cameras are up and working – now have access – continuing to fine tune the process**

**Rosemarie raised the question about staffing for next year:
Randy responded with:**

- 99 Teachers were declared redundant in HWDSB – secondary teachers – some teachers have already come off the list due to retirement letters coming in
- 7 redundant teachers at Ancaster High, however, 2 have already been recalled so there are currently 5 redundant teachers at Ancaster
- Any information that comes to Randy he has told the staff that he will share with them
- If we have the same # of students next year as we did last year, then we will have less teachers – this means looking at the #s and looking at what courses the students have selected in order to build a timetable – looking for creative ways to continue to offer programming/courses for the students
- No surplus teachers at Ancaster (if you have too many teachers for the # of students)
- When possibly cancelling courses, Randy doesn't just look at numbers - he looks at whether the courses are compulsory or a "pathway" course, etc.
- Question about the selling of the fields in the back raised by Sandra - The Trustees put forth a proposal and it was not received well by Ancaster residents and Lloyd Ferguson – at this point Randy does not have any information

Council Dates for Next Year:

Monday September 16th 2019

Monday October 7th

Monday November 4th

Monday January 13th 2020

Monday February 3rd

Monday April 6th

Monday May 4th

Motion to accept the proposed school council dates - Rhu Sherrard and seconded by Sandra Starr, council voted and approved the suggested dates

Sandra Starr put forth a question regarding how grades are determined: "Is there a school wide system that teachers use to report grades?"

Randy responded with "Yes, Power Teacher Pro just started this semester."

Sandra Starr also inquired about the possibility of students being given their marks prior to final exams. Ms. Fletcher suggested that she would approach the student body to have them do a **survey?? of some kind to provide their feedback/perspective on how they feel assessment is handled, wanting/needing their marks before a final exam, as well as wanting to receive final exam marks.**

Next School Council Meeting is September 16th, 2019 at 6:30pm

Adjournment 7:50pm