



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

MINUTES
Saltfleet School Council
Thursday Oct 17, 2019
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chairs: Christy Wallingham, Ann Sisak

Minutes: Billy Dhillon/Ann Sisak

Present: Christine Nicolaides, Billy Dhillon, Bob Ellis, Ann Sisak, Christy Wallingham, Amir Moodi - Prime Minister of Student Council

Regrets: Nicole Jones, Robyn Patcheu, Lee Austin.

Guests: Zara, Reyana, and Teacher Candidates 1st year - Susan, Sarah, Caitlin,

Item No.	Agenda Item	Person	Summary	Actions/Motions
1.1	Welcome and Introductions	Christine ,Ann, Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and welcomes given. 	Update
1.2	Approval of Minutes	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see attached minutes September, 2019. 	Vote required
2.1	HWDSB Correspondence	Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	Update
3.1	Principal's Report	Christine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Planning: October 15th Christine held a transition planning meeting with feeder school staff. Invitee's included feeder school administrator along with a teacher. Event was well attended. Received feedback from principals and teachers a create transition plan for this year and the future. • Retention Planning: Enrollment is declining to currently below 1100 kids. Original target is 1123. October 31st planning for amount of teachers in Saltfleet. Grade 10 and beyond are choosing other schools. Thus a plan is required for student retention. Possible plan for early socializing prior to Grade 7/8. – We need to identify a culture to build in Saltfleet and feeder schools to attract students and retain students at Saltfleet. <u>SOME OPTIONS</u> - Invite Grade 8's from feeder schools during "Take your kid to work day - Grade 8's (or younger) to shadow grade 9's at Saltfleet . Invite feeder schools for social events, such as sporting events. Bring feeder school students to Saltfleet as often as possible. • MyPath MyWay: Oct 22nd. • Photo retake: Next week. 	Update

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribbon cutting event for stage unveiling: October 24th @ 3:30. – to unveil the new sound equipment, expansion of the stage and new curtains - Heritage Green will be acknowledged. • Peaceful Walk: Last week a parent contacted the school to organize a peaceful walk with a message of anti-bullying. There was no sufficient time to vet the speaker through corporate communications, so the school had to decline. Every student has the right to protest but need to follow safe school policy. Expectation of any protest is to conduct as an ambassador of Saltfleet and HWDSB. Saltfleet was acknowledged on twitter for support of the anti-bullying. 	
3.2	Student Parliament Report	Amir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome bake sale: Went well. It was well received as students came back from summer break. • Club Fest: Kicked off to introduce new students to clubs. Robotics club got a lot of interest. • Grade 9 Dance: successful • Halloween Dance: Will be held on Oct 30th from 6-10 pm. All grades. “IT” themed. • Spirit Week: Oct 28th -31st • Semi-Formal: Will be on Dec 5th. – Banquet and Dance. • Principal suggested to bring other parliament members to showcase to parent council. 	Update
4.1	Parent Engagement Funds	Christy & Ann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 funding available for engaging parents into the school climate. • Examples for use. Child minding, guest speakers, run open house, parent volunteer recognition, info sessions, hold cultural events, information supplies, meet and greet with refreshments, breakfast with school council, welcome packages for parents, council magnet/pens. • Suggested funds be used for the Wreath Making Event. Funding would be used to cover all the wreath supplies. • \$20 per wreath would be the donation amount requested. Donated money would be dispersed with families in need. Care packages of gift cards, toiletries, etc. Packages are given discreetly to select students/family. • Billy to draft flyer for event. • Event can be advertised to feeder schools. • Parent Council voted to support the event with Parent Engagement funding 	Update and Vote
4.2	School Council By-Laws	Christy & Ann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Constitution (By-Laws) • Christy drafted By-Laws for Saltfleet School Council. • Copy given to all members. Copy will be e-mailed electronically also. • Council to review and suggest any amendments. • Final draft to be made available by next meeting for review. 	Update and distribute document.

4.3	School Annual Plan – Continuous learning & Improvement Process	Christine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school annual plan summarizes learning and action taken to improve student outcomes • Priority areas: Positive culture & well-Being along with student learning in achievement • Focus has been primarily on learning and achievement • More focus will be put on culture and well-being. - Students were asked if they felt there was a caring adult in the building. Numbers are to be worked on and surveyed with kids. - Identify things we're doing in the building to assure kids feel safe • Children that have left Saltfleet to attend other schools do not reflect on the graduating numbers from Saltfleet. • Literacy scores went up 7 percent after 4 years of decline. • Math scores are at or above provincial standard. – Math is now being taught in a spiral motion to revisit the topics throughout the year. – This is done in grade 9 and 10 academic math. • Student (Zana) expressed culture change of spiral math might not transition to University. Feedback to be given • Amir - Pace of spiral is slower but allows the class to keep at the same pace. 	Update
4.4	Robotics	Billy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotics team to compete in January 2020. • Billy to help organize timelines to assure the team have enough time to build and test Robots. • Took a tour of Robotics field that is set up in library. • Robotics area may be extended. 	Update
4.5	Update Saltfleet website	Christy & Ann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website will be updated, and current minutes along with Council Members will be posted under the School Council Section. • Christine gave Christy contact information. 	Update.