



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Minutes
Saltfleet School Council Meeting
Tuesday Nov 24th, 2020
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chair: Ann Sisak

Co-Chair: Christy Wallingham

Minutes: Kara McCaughen

Attendees: Billy Dhillon, Christine Brock, Cherie Mills, Paul Fox, Robyn Patchev, Glenn Cooke, Bob Ellis, Sue Zdero, Andrea Moore.

Item No.	Agenda Item	Person	Summary	Follow up
1.1	Welcome and Introductions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to Glenn Cooke – New Principal of Saltfleet starting Semester 2 (February 2, 2021) 	
1.2	Approval of Agenda	Ann & Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> approved 	
1.2	Approval of Previous Minutes	Ann & Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously approved 	
2.0	Correspondence			
2.1	HWDSB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please subscribe to HWDSB & Saltfleet District High School to receive updates 	
3.0	Standing Items			
3.1	Principal's Report	Mrs. Nicolaides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marks are on parent portal. Report cards coming home 25/11/2020 and 26/11/2020 312 students at Saltfleet currently learning remotely 4th rotation starting Dec 11, 2020 PA Day Friday Nov 27th Possible renovations in the library learning commons in the near future—request has been submitted. Heritage Green funds—we are the only public high school that can access this funding—looking into upgrade the fitness room—promote healthy, active living. Also looking to request more mats for gym walls. 	Mrs Nicolaides & Mr Cooke (ongoing)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting some preliminary exploring—looking for extra space for the junior tech classes. May share a space with art—create a “maker space” to be used by JR tech, art, and horticulture • Last year—wreath fundraiser for families struggling over the holidays—some money left over this year. Going to raffle off some pre-made wreaths to Saltfleet staff & combine funds raised with funds from last year. Looking to support families that need a little help over the holidays. 	
3.2	Student Parliament Report	Mrs. Nicolaides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No student parliament currently • First meeting of student parliament will happen virtually on November 26th. • Requested that student parliament join the next meeting 	Mrs. Nicolaides
4.0 New Business				
4.1	Virtual Grade 7/8 Open House & Student Success updates	Cherie Mills (student success lead teacher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 25th—first grade 7/8 open house. Will be virtual, using Teams Live. Power point will be available on the school website afterwards. Link was sent to principals last week and will be resent on Nov 25. • Kids that are engaged in the online learning process are doing very well this year. Kids who are not engaging well are doing poorly—marks are bimodal (not too many in the middle). • Math homework help beginning in December. Starts at 2:35. Available to any student needing help with math homework. • EQAO still happening in January • Volunteer hours—students graduating in 2021 only need 20 volunteer hours to graduate. All students can now have parents/neighbours sign off on their hours if they are assisting with tasks (can be babysitting, shovelling driveways, etc) Does not have to be from a charitable organization anymore. See insert with report cards being sent home. Students can also use 10 hours of paid work towards their hours but must complete a reflection piece on how their work helps the community. 	

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4.2	Facebook – Saltfleet School Council	Bob Ellis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed application process for joining the group. No process at this time for approving new members. Bob is looking to ask questions to pre-screen new members: What grade is your child in? What neighbourhood do you live in.? 	Bob
4.3	Next Council Meeting	Ann & Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 19, 2021, February 16, 2021, April 13, 2021, May 11, 2021, and June 8, 2021. Subject to change if needed. 	Posted n Website
4.4	Questions and Queries from parents	various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible extended winter break? No news at this time. Possibility for students to continue with online learning after the pandemic? Many variables need to be considered. Likely it would look very different—would still have exams. Need to consider the impact of missing social interactions. The school is tracking student progress but it is difficult to compare successes since there are multiple variables. There was an e-learning program prior to COVID. Will have to approach future e-learning cautiously but it will be considered once regular schooling resumes. Is it possible to have virtual clubs? Board has said no athletics and no extra curriculars at this time. Ms Nicolaides has had a meeting about school culture and is hoping to create some activities/generate some school spirit for students. Discussing with student parliament to see how this can be managed. 	Mrs. Nicolaides