



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Minutes
Saltfleet School Council Meeting
Tuesday June 8, 2021
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chair: Ann Sisak
 Co-Chair: Christy Wallingham
 Minutes: Kara McCaughen
 Attendance: Billy Dhillon, Cherie Mills, Paul Fox, Robyn Patchev, Glen Cooke, Robert Ellis

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1.1	7:00	Welcome and Introductions	All		Update
1.2	7:00 – 7:05	Approval of Agenda	Ann & Christy		Approved
1.2	7:05 – 7:05	Approval of Previous Minutes	Ann & Christy		Approved
2.0 Correspondence					
2.1	7:05 – 7:05	HWDSB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please subscribe to HWDSB & Saltfleet District High School to receive updates 	Update
3.0 Standing Items					
3.1	6:45 – 7:30	Principal's Report	Mr. Cooke	<p>On line learning decision for next year – Deadline has passed, and parents wanted more information and time to make their decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date was set by the board. It was assumed parents who did not register kids for online learning for the fall will return to their home schools. Unlike elementary schools, secondary schools do not have a distinct remote school. Children in remote learning may be taught by teachers outside HWDSB in order to facilitate having online students accessing the classes of their choice. E-learning classes also have a capacity. Currently there are 6000_ e-learning spaces with over 3000+ e-learning students registered. There are no guarantees that a selected 	Update

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				<p>class will be available online if the student waits too long to register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetables are usually established by now for next year. Not available yet. We know it will be set up for quadmester, however the scheduling is still being arranged. Teachers have it in their contract that they only teach for a certain number of minutes a day—this does not fit with the quadmester schedule, therefore the details are still being ironed out. Quadmestered are 115 minutes per class—also need to incorporate “sitting time” and lunches. • e-learning will also follow the quadmester model <p>Vaccinations- Will vaccinations be mandatory for teachers/students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently no. For Students we are waiting to see what direction Public Health goes regarding student vaccinations being mandatory or not like other vaccinations (MMR, Hep B, etc.). However, at this time, it appears most staff are proceeding with vaccination. <p>What public health measures (masking, social distancing, rapid testing etc) will be put in place in Sept 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are expecting that masking and some social distancing will still be in place in September. • Rapid testing—transmission rate in schools is low. No transmissions at Saltfleet to date that school is aware of. • Sports in 2021/2022 school year? Possibly starting with no contact sports and activities. • Mental health—there will be social workers/counselling available to students struggling with mental health or with issues exacerbated by the pandemic as early as this summer. It has not been widely advertised but communication is likely pending. <p>Grad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various grad scenarios planned for the various colour stages of COVID lockdown, but the government is moving away from the colour codes • Currently planning on a drive thru/walk up grad spread out over 3 days (June 22 – 24, from noon to 7 pm on the 22 and 23, and from 2-6 pm on June 24). Grads 	

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				<p>can book a time slot online—sign up should be available later this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be 4 decorated 10 x 10 stations outside. No guests outside the immediate household. There will be screening for all attendees. Caps and gowns will be available through the school, along with a grad package. There will be space for photo ops in front of the school and a professional photographer for a grad book that will be available, and a video is also being put together. • Valedictorian selection is already in progress • Going with a commencement instead of a grad (though it will be referred to as ‘grad’ for simplicity purposes). This is more inclusive as it also celebrates the achievements of those who may have been one credit or a few hours of community service short. These are the students who otherwise would be expected to graduate and who are ultimately likely to meet requirements shortly. It is also easier for the administrative staff to sort out. <p>Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happening virtually this year on 31/08/2021. Other summer programs may be advertised shortly once staff is lined up. 	
3.2	7:30 – 7:30	Student Parliament Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	N/A
<p>4.0 New Business</p>					
4.1	7:30 – 8:00			<p>School Council Annual Report due by June 25th.</p> <p>Used Christy’s contact info, members on school council – including teacher rep, 11 number of meetings this year 6 bi-law or constitution yes What did we learn during the pandemic year MS teams, that absenteeism only reflects in-class absences, that attendance of online meetings is higher than in person—may offer blended school council meetings next year. Activities that council supported related to student learning/achievement or positive culture/well-being Engagement and attendance of council meetings, sharing</p>	Completed and submitted by the committee via Christy

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				<p>caregiver and community voice.</p> <p>In what ways did we overcome or attempt to overcome challenges set in place by COVID Successfully hosted virtual meetings, general discussion with other parents/families, school engagement piece—funds we weren't able to use—will investigate it next year. We learned that on-line platforms are easier for parents to participate—try to offer blended participation moving forward.</p> <p>\$500 for parent engagement—what did we spend it on We didn't but intend to next year. Already looking at possibilities.</p> <p>Fundraising—paused this past year. Phased approach to return to “normal” with COVID.</p> <p>Each phase will allow different activities—how can we try to fundraise at the various stages? Difficult to predict as we don't know the timelines. Fundraising is done usually by specific clubs/teams, therefore there is no scheduled fundraising season. Difficult to anticipate the community response to fundraising with so many unknowns—hard to know if the team/club will be able to fully participate, etc.</p> <p>What consideration should we consider when thinking about fundraising? We need to respect public health measures in place—will restrict activities. Will the public be willing to participate? Will have to pivot the non-traditional fundraising activities. Need to have the time to prepare for these events—requires significant consideration. We can carry forward unspent funding allocation—usually can only carry forward 10%, however this year and the previous can carry forward all of the unspent budget. May not have as much need to fundraise next year—the schools may have the funding. With that in mind, fundraising may also be helpful as once we can start doing things, students may have significant interest.</p> <p>Parent Involvement Committee- how can they help our school council? Communicating initiatives. We have not worked with them before as a group. If they are meeting with senior officials at the board, perhaps they can give insight on potential direction on trends, etc.</p> <p>Would we be interested in having them come to a meeting? Yes</p> <p>Would we find them useful at the beginning of the school year for 2021? No. Just let us know how they can assist.</p> <p>School council handbook was shared with school council members—we made amendments. Any issues? No.</p> <p>Emails were shared re: COVID 19 updates. What info would we like to see in these updates? We get enough updates.</p>	

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				<p>Maybe wellness/mental wellbeing encouragement to be incorporated.</p> <p>What kind of communication strategies do you use? Robo-call, subscriptions, text messages, email</p> <p>Do we use social media yes, Facebook, Twitter</p> <p>What do we like about social media for parent council They reach more parents and reaching younger parents.</p> <p>Barriers experienced People trying to joint that weren't members of the community. Membership should be within the school community.</p> <p>In 2021/2022 they will be sharing social media guidelines—what would we like to see? We want to know who is creating them and if parent council will be consulted? What kind of policies will be put into place—board or ministry?</p> <p>What can HWDSB do to support parent council/engagement? Help with recruitment using social media for the different schools. Poll parents on social media rather than waiting for complaints. Minutes and agendas on Teams—training from the board to keep documents on Teams—school council will be able to access in the folder.</p> <p>On 13/10/2021 is school council start up meeting. Starts at 5:30—may be virtual this year. Introduction to council, how to write the bi-laws, etc. Usually the chairs go but ours have already been before—we can send others if anyone else wants to go—can send 2.</p> <p>.</p>	
		<p>Next steps for Council</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last meeting of the year. Will start up again in 09/2021—will set up positions, dates for meetings, etc. • On October 13, 2021 is school council start up meeting. Starts at 5:30—usually a dinner but may be virtual this year. Introduction to council, how to write the bi-laws, etc. Usually the chairs go but ours have already been before—we can send others if anyone else wants to go—can send 2. • Survey sent by Cherie to parents of grade 8's coming to Saltfeet in the fall. Some parents interested in council—Cherie will send interested parents' emails to Christy so she can include them in the distribution list. Parent scan also subscribe to council on Facebook (Saltfleet School Council), twitter (SDSH_SC). Will put up some reminders for parents • Any questions/concerns, send to Christy or Glenn 	

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5.0		See you in September			