

Sparkling Pines School Council – Minutes – Tue, Sep 20, 2016

Present: P. Phillips (Chair), F. Williams (Admin), G. Larry (Math), D. Oly (French), W. Qool (English), E. Juky (Science), R. Nick (Member-at-large), K. Loot (Union), S. Beckett (observer)

Regrets: W. Hutt (Social Science), D. Draper (Phys. Ed)

1. Motion: Approval of the agenda. RK/TL – carried unanimously.

2. Motion: Approval of the previous meeting's minutes on Tue, Sep 6, 2016. YG/BM – carried unanimously.

3. Standing Items

A) Student Council Report (various student representatives)

- Student Council is planning a spirit week for Halloween during the last week of October. All events will take place during lunch and will not interfere with class time.
- Student Council would like to plan a clean-up of the school grounds sometime in early October. They have been reminded that any activity that occurs during class time must first be approved at School Council. Student Council will put together a proposal for the next meeting.

B) Budget Report (Admin)

- Admin presented the budget as of Sep 19, 2016
- There are concerns that the amounts allocated for each department are not the same as previously discussed. Admin will look into this for the next meeting.

C) Upcoming PD Day Agenda (Admin and teachers)

- For Fri, Sep 23...
- Many teachers have asked for a workshop on how to use IGPI as a substitute to Excel to keep track of student marks over a term. Admin will ask if any teacher is willing to run this workshop
- Departments have requested time to meet
- Admin plans to have a staff meeting from 9am to 11am to address concerns arising from the start of the school year.

D) Governing Board Report (L. Kyle)

- Minutes from the last Governing Board meeting were presented and briefly discussed

E) Admin Report (Admin)

- Admin is aware of the problems with wifi and the PA system. Teachers are asked to bring their concerns directly to Admin
- Admin is concerned over the number of students in grade10 Francais Enrichi, and the ripple effect that this is having with oversized classes in other courses. Teachers who are impacted should contact Admin.

4. Business Arising

A) Updates to Dress Code Policy (T. Stevens)

- As per Admin's request from the previous meeting, School Council members have brought forward suggestions from their departments regarding possible changes to the dress code policy

- Admin will compile the suggestions and bring forward a new proposal to the next School Council meeting
- B) Calendar of Activities, Clubs and Field Trips (G. Phillips)
- A google calendar has been created to keep track of all of the activities that are going on in the school
 - The School Council Chair and/or Admin will update the calendar with any future activities
 - Teachers are reminded that their activity must first be approved at School Council
5. New Business
- A) Motion: Approval of grade 10 History fieldtrip during periods 2, 3 and 4 on Wed, Nov 9, 2016 (day 3). See Appendix A for the proposal. (B. Smith) EG/EF – defeated.**
- The concern was raised as to what to do with those grade 10 students who do not bring in their form in time...do they stay at school? If so, who supervises them?
 - There was no mention as to the cost of the trip to students and/or the school.
- B) Motion: School Council Chair will write a letter to the Director of Buildings at the WQSB raising teachers' concerns regarding the unsafe conditions around the playground. The Chair will cc this letter to Governing Board and the local school board Commissioner. (S. Williams) TS/EF – carried unanimously**
- This has been an ongoing issue that has yet to be addressed.
 - Any teacher who is willing to help the Chair draft the letter is asked to contact the Chair
 - The Chair will provide School Council a copy of the letter before sending it in case there are mistakes or errors.
- C) Motion: Approval of the school-wide anti-bullying assembly during period 1 on Thu, Oct 19 (day 5). (Admin) TK/PW – carried (5 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions)**
- This is being organized by the school's anti-bullying and violence committee.
- D) Motion: Approval of the 5-day January 2017 Midyear Exam Schedule. (Admin)**
- Tabled since not every department was able to provide their feedback
- E) Supervision Schedule (Admin)
- Admin presented Draft 5 of the Supervision Schedule
 - School Council has requested a breakdown of every teacher's minutes, along with the minimum, maximum and average number of minutes
- F) Cleanliness of the school (Various teachers)
- Many teachers have complained that their classrooms are not being cleaned properly
 - Some teachers have taken pictures and sent them to Admin
 - Admin will follow up with the school board to try and resolve the issues
- G) Morning Announcements (L. Henry)
- Tabled since L. Henry could not make it.
6. Varia (nothing)
- 7. Motion: Adjournment GH/FG – carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting: Tue, Oct 4, 2016