



## O'Neil CVI SCC Meeting Minutes

Date:	October 30, 2024
Time:	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Co-Chairs:	Shannon Lesch (Andrea Ayers-Esplen-absent)
In attendance:	Ian Beaman, Natasha Mahadeo, Aylet Downer-Pedro, Simon Blair, Kim Bathja-Koidis, Shannon Lesch, Nicole Johansen, Tanya Wilson, Tracey Running (Principal), Nala Kandiah (VP), Trish Biffin (VP)
Call to order:	6:32 pm
Adjournment	7:19 pm

### Meeting Focus:

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Opening Remarks and welcome by Tracey Running, Principal.
3. SCC Report

Approved minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

Parent Engagement –

Regional suggested QR codes, so parents are in can link to webpage.

Need for understanding what it's about

Add to parent nights, meetings,

Nov 21 – 7-8pm parents can access from home and do a watch party – “everyday resiliency and hope”.

Let's try it – put out a survey, lets run it as a watch party. Get a survey. (Ian)

Shannon to do an application for food

### 3. Student Council Report ()

- Sunglasses. Selling and giving for prizes for
- Spirit week – dressing up, costume competition – 3 categories for prizes (gift card)
- Spirit week Nov. 18-22 around the dance week. Linked with theme of dance.
- November food drive -Nov 25 – Dec 6 all to Pepler's Pantry. Looking for things to eat that are easy. Student's will be out to collect. Monetary donations through school cash as well.
- Bulletin board – large calendar, post it notes for what's running, clubs, drop ins to help becoming introduced.



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### 4. Principal's Report –

#### - Oct 21 – Bomb Threat

Followed the Durham Police Bomb Threat Protocol. Run it by the letter and contacting 911 and Board.

Once Police arrive, the school follows their lead.

Level of threat was low, day continued.

The investigation continues, follow up on phone DRPS.

Police were on site until end of day.

Safety is #1 for all.

Q: Where do they evacuate? – A: to Alexandra Park likely, depending on DRPS

#### - Volunteer awards – Steve Evans. Lots of sports volunteering over 12 years.

#### - Monthly Awards - Respect - 3 students happy

#### - Jr. Awards – Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Nice turn out, Sr. Awards in afternoon

Nov 6 – Take your kids to work day

Grade 9s to attend a real-life safe work environment

Nov 13 - Be the voice student forum – 7<sup>th</sup> annual

Work with student leadership team to work on issues and

direction of school. Helps to set next steps for staff to work on.

2 volunteers from each classroom.

### OSSLT (Ms. Biffin, VP)

Nov 25<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>rd</sup> all grade 10s and rewriting 11s and 12s.

Literacy help – every T, W, F at lunchroom 105 – Anyone can come

If you know a child, please reach out to admin and they will get the student signed up.

Literacy Carnival – Nov 19, 20. Small groups called down for support for those not in English this Semester. Tips, Reminders.

Format – Booklet 1: 1<sup>st</sup> day, Booklet 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> day

No time limits within the school day. Approx 1 hour – 75 minutes but can go longer.

IEP students can CHOOSE to write in the library.

Spring date for OSSLT for those who are unsuccessful or miss.

Will be in their p2 class, bc it is a week 2

More info to come with Principal's messages.



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### Positive School Climate update

- Paint a rock – positive messages
- DYDAC – Youth Drug Awareness Forum
- The Night to End Procrastination – Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
- Ms. Kandiah, VP (EQAO Math)
  - 2 Days – like Above.
  - ONLY Grade 9 Student who are in MATH this semester. Next Sem for those in math next sem.
  - Jan 14-15 Tentative
  - Math Department leading and looking at data to land support for the correct kids.

### DATES:

Nov 14 – Midterm Report Cards

Sem 1 TERM 1 ends Nov 5

Jan 22-28 will be summatives

Jan 29 Credit Completion

Jan 30 – Sem 2 starts

Ask to parents to not go on Holidays around these dates so students can end classes best

7. Upcoming dates – to be sent out by Principal via messages.

### Extra Questions:

Dec 15 – Application for PRO grant – link to kids 'A Night for Procrastination' event

Maybe a night for what to expect coming from grade 7 and 8?

Answer: Grade 8/9 teachers meet. When grade 8s are touring they get to see lots within the school.

8. Future meetings: Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb 26, April 30<sup>th</sup>

- Next meeting, inviting Dan Hogan to talk about Teen Vaping
- All meetings will start at 6:30.