



O'Neil CVI SCC Meeting Minutes

Date:	September 25, 2024
Time:	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Chair:	By Principal Tracey Running (1 st meeting holding elections)
In attendance:	Lujain (President - student rep), Trish Biffin (VP), Ian Beaman, Andrea Ayers-Esplen, Nichole Johansen, Natasha Mahodeo, Shannon Lesch, Kim Bathja-Koidis, Tanya Wilson, Ms. Kandiah (VP) Joleen Watson (ISS Department Head), Lisa Aunger (Guidance Department head), Tracey Running (P)
Call to order:	6:31 pm

Meeting Focus: Elections, School Start-Up, meeting the school team.

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Introductions of the Administrative Team
 - Mrs. Running (Principal)
 - Ms. Kandiah (VP) Last names M - Z
 - Ms. Biffin (VP) Last names A - L
3. Opening Remarks and welcome by Mrs. Running.
4. **Student Council Report** (Lujain Ismail)
 - Selling sunglasses
 - Oct 28-31 – Spirit Week
 - Food drive in November, Nov25 - Dec 6 food to stay in school and support Peppers Pantry, available to all students.
 - Meet every Tuesday.

5. **Guidance Dept Report** (Ms. Lisa Aunger – Head of Guidance)

Grade 9: Ms. Hadjigeorgiou

-Grade 10: Mr Edmunds (sem 1) Ms. Aunger (sem 2)

-Grade 11- Ms. Muir (M-Z) / Mr. Maki (A-L)

-Grade 12: Ms. Aunger (sem 1), Ms. Kenny (sem 2)

Guidance counsellors are available to support students with -course selection and pathways - post-secondary pathway planning - learning skills and strategies to improve academic success - support student well-being.

Get to know the kids in grade system, helps with supporting them with agency



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Using Google classroom for each grade to share information – graduation, volunteer, etc. lots there.

Students can book appointments with guidance through google classroom.

Post-Secondary Parent / Guardian Information Night- Thursday, October 23, 6:30pm

Did a grade 9 night last year and found it helpful to parents, so doing it again.

University fair – Oct 16, 2024

College Fair – Oct 9, 2024

Apprentice Fair – Oct 23, 2024

Parent/guardian – Post Secondary information night. – October 23, 2024

Nov 6 – Take our kids to work day.

Lots going on to support families and students.

My BluePrint – Very valuable tool for parents to talk with their students. Planning courses, making budgets, looking to post-secondary, making resumes.

Always a person “on call” in guidance, just to support students in need – panic attack, support. A rotating system always available.

Guidance booking system, using google forms for all appointments.

6. Inclusive Student Services Department (Ms. Joleen Watson – Department Head) – All students are welcome for support within this team. Contact through email. Find teachers via website for their emails directly or reach out to Joleene directly.

After school homework club, all welcome – 7:30 before school and until 3:10 every day.

Encouraging students to stay in class and then add in support when needed.

Oct 15 – IEP will go out.

2 small classes – transition to work program, age 18 and want to prepare for work directly, placement, bus training.

- Dept Head – Ms. Watson

- SSP Teacher- Ms. Whitlock

- Teacher: Ms. Rowden (AR) - academic resource is open all day to any student needing assistance to foster their growth and help them achieve their full potential.



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Ms. Biggar – Transition to work teacher.

8. Principal's Report (Tracey Running)

- Website and Social Media -check out for the latest updates, lots there.
- 4 Instagram accounts.
- Website also a place to find what's going on.
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange shirt day) Activities during p3 – Sept 30
- Junior Awards – Thursday, October 24th – Email to parents to let them know they are winning and award (so parents can know to attend)
- Terry Fox Activities – Friday, October 5
 - Leadership class runs the event, planned route in Connaught Park where activities will take place, condensed schedule. Dress for weather!
 - Whole school participation, quite an event.
- School Pictures – Retakes are Oct 22, 2024
 - Grad Photos – TBD – In February 2025
- Homework club 2:00-3:15 every night. Room 321 CHECK with you kids, CHECK with the teacher directly.
- Homework help at lunch daily – Room 306
- Bill's Place – A thrift shop for helping students, hygiene as well as clothing. Open every day 2nd half of lunch. Donations welcome.
- Peppler's Pantry – Food for students in need – 3rd floor. We also run a lunch and breakfast program to support students. Donations for families through students.
- Question: Do all teachers use Google classroom – no, some do, some use d2l, some don't use an online platform, it depends on the subject. Each teacher has a way to be communicated with, email, through classroom.
- Community Neighbours - Neighbours land- Hospital, Parkwood Estates, Apartments
 - please remind students to be respectful of neighbour's property -remind students there will be restrictions to use of community property.
 - Hospital caf is now open, they want a partnership, but may be limiting numbers.
 - Parkwood, Alexandria Park allows our students, as long as there is respect.



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PARENTS – Speak to kids around positive community behaviour.

-Park Lot / Mary St

-reminders to avoid the parking lot during pick up and drop off -avoid the east side of Mary St as bylaw has let us know they will be coming to issue tickets

-lots of busses and very little space – 16 buses

- Loading at 2:10 then AGAIN at 2:15, so it's quick

- Pick up after 2:15 would be helpful. Also, attempt to make it quick. If it works for you, drop off a block away.

- Don't park on private areas, condos.

- Many clubs and activities have begun during the lunch hour and after/before school.

- Full list is available online, it is fluid and adds/removes clubs as they change.

- announcements and locations are shared daily on the announcements

- Students can find this through a QR code. SOOOOOO MANY!!!

- PARENTS can find this in the next communication from Ms. Running.

- Push to have ALL students, especially grade 9s.

VP's Report – (Ms. Biffin) EQAO - OSSLT (Literacy)

– Two sessions for all grade 10s, 11s and 12s open to all twice this year.

- Dates to be finalized soon – will be in the month of November (and Spring)

- Literacy support program at lunch, TBD, to support all.

Health and Safety – 3 fire drills, Lockdown – all done for this semester

(Ms. Kandiah) EQAO Numeracy -Done at the end of semester in math classes.

- Date TBD, will be communicated.

- Support will come, closer to the assessment.

- Oct 8, Progress Reports

- Oct 10 – Parent Guardian/Teacher Interviews. Can book as of today online.

- Have SCC there?

- Nov 14 – Midterm Report Cards



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- Upcoming Dates Events – to be sent out via Principal's communication.

9. **SCC Nominations and Voting**, positions explained by Tracey.

Difference between Elementary and Secondary

-Chair: Prepare agenda in consultation, chair meetings, communicate with Principal:

Nominated: Shannon Lesch, Andrea Ayers - Esplen voted in unanimously.

- Treasurer -handles the \$500 in the acct and tracks money for SCC:

Nominated: Aylet Downer-Perdo voted in unanimously.

- Secretary – ensure that minutes of the SCC meetings are maintained:

Nominated: Ian Beaman and voted in unanimously.

Also involved, we have a teaching staff to each meeting and a community member (to be determined each meeting).

PRO grants – Watch party? Guest speakers, families in to view virtually. engagement@ddsb to ask questions.

10. **Future meetings:** Oct 30, Nov 27, Feb 26, April 30. All start at 6:30

11. Virtual meeting vs in person. In person decided.

Meeting Adjourned- 7:34 pm