

Grimsby Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Tuesday November 20, 2018
7:00pm

In Attendance: Sue Rapin (Chair), Jennifer Coote (Secretary), Ruth Mote, Jane Bond, Andrew Hibbs (Student Representative), Mat Miller (Principal),

Regrets: Carol Grimm (Co-Chair), Teri Thompson (Vice-Principal)

1. Welcome
Meeting commenced at 7:00pm
2. September 18, 2018 Minutes
 - Approved by Ruth Mote
3. Student Report – Andrew Hibbs, Grade 11
Andrew shared information with Council about the Music Department:
 - The Jr. & Sr. Concert bands, Jr. & Sr. Jazz bands, and vocal ensemble are busy practicing before school, lunch hour, and after school on various days throughout the week.
 - On Grade 8 Day, November 14th, the Sr. Jazz band members helped introduce the grade 8 students to the music program
 - Band members will go to all feeder schools to create a bridge between Grade 8 and high school. To show students what the music program is like and to try to catch their interest.
 - Being involved in the music department feels like a community.
 - The Winter Concert is on Thursday December 13 and everyone is welcome.
4. Principal's Report
Recent News
Family of Schools - Principal Visits, Guidance Visits, Grade 8 Day
 - Visited all Grade 8 classes at the feeder schools to building relationships with the students, provide information to the students about high school and course selections.
 - 280 students attended Grade 8 Day
Grade 9 co-curricular assemblies
 - Drama students presented some improve activities and the Grade 9's were introduced to activities that they can get involved with outside of the classroom.

Intramural Basketball

- student run co-ed league takes place during the lunch hour

Honour Roll Breakfast - November 1st

System PA Day - November 16th

- Teachers participated in Professional Development based on their subject areas.

Upcoming Events

Gently Used Winter Clothing Drive – ongoing

AP biology extension group - University Prep Math group

Winter Formal at Winona Vine Estates – November 22nd

Grade 8 Open House - November 27 from 6-8pm

GBF New Toy/Food drive - November 30th - December 12th

Santa Claus Parade - December 1st 5:15pm

Post Secondary Info/Application Night - December 10th

Music Night - December 13th

5. Chair's Report

PIC Conference – November 7th – no one in attendance went to the conference

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant – Speaker Event 2018/19: Building Resiliency & Self Motivation in Our Teenagers. Will take place April 2019. Looking for suggestions for a speaker.

- The PRO Grant process/decision making has been “paused” for the time being. Council will brainstorm some other ideas for speakers and will discuss at the January meeting.

Future Council Meetings: January 22nd, April TBD (speaker), June 4th

6. New Business

Status of New School

- no new information available regarding the date of school opening

Graduation Process/Timing

- Dates are in the calendar

Timing of Course Selection for next year

- January 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm January 22, 2018