

DRAFT - MINUTES

Banting School Council

Date / time Nov. 19, 2020 |5:30 pm| *Zoom Virtual Meeting called to order by:* Silvie MacLean

In Attendance

Amani Radhaa	Dale Jardine	Regrets:	Cheryl Bovington
Chris Francis	Richard Tanminga	Amanda	Jennifer Charleston
Laura Gonzalez	Shelley Duben	Stranton	John Dubois
Neil Banerjee	Silvie MacLean (C)		Jill-Ann Mabey/Mike Hanson
Nicolas Panhuis	Tracy Goodman		Raymond Yee

Welcome and Introductions

Silvie welcomed all attendees. Everyone was reminded that School Council would not be meeting in December but would resume in the New Year.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest from any School Council members.

Approval of prior meeting minutes and Current Agenda

The minutes of Oct. 22, 2020 and the Agenda of Nov. 19, 2020 were both approved.

Student Council Update (By Nicholas and Chris)

- Nicholas noted that student council ran a Halloween costume contest to improve student engagement.
- Additional spirit days were being created for the remainder of the month and in November.
- Also planning to develop online winter coffee houses where students submit performances and can be viewed by the school.
- Chris noted that the new schedule is working well with the teachers, and students.
- The students were shown a Remembrance Day video in their classes.
- There have been several events going on in the school such as the hour of code, pink shirt day and anti-bullying awareness.
- To assist hard-to-service students, a new breakfast program that provides food to the students after class with granola bars were handed to each class.
- There is a new French immersion website for all of the students in that program headed by Mr. Boudreau.
- He also expresses the willingness of the teachers to be contacted by the parents of the students if they have any concerns

Principal's Update (By Richard)

- Richard provided an update noting that it has been extremely busy since March break 2020. Student enrollments have shifted in a combination of online and in-school.
- The school has started planning for a new library.
- There has been a survey sent out to students called "Everyone belongs". The TVDSB is interested in helping better understand what students think of the school and its environment. It is a confidential and secure survey.
- Course selection are planned for January 2020.
- For new grade 9 students, next year's math course will be de-streamed which means no more academics or applied in grade 9. This will allow for equal opportunity later on in the academic pathway.
- Marks will be given out on report cards Monday and Tuesday 23th and 25th

TVPIC Update (By Laura)

- Laura provided update; Note: Both Richard and Silvie are also on TVPIC;
- As mentioned, the survey everyone belongs survey will be coming out.
- She informs all parents that are interested in sitting in on the meeting by contacting the chair of TVPIC.

Community Partners Update (By Amani)

- Amani updated;
- On the status of the homework pods that are assisting diverse students.
- Other activities that are open to the students such as (Youth Volunteer Opportunities, Youth Employment Programs) were identified.
- Shared she plans to distribute flyers and other information to Richard to insert in the Banting school newsletter.

Other Business (By Silvie – initially)

- Silvie encouraged all Banting School Council members to help find new ideas to help engage the Banting students.

Action Items (All)

- Amani and Richard to discuss engagement with students in Banting;
- School Council to review ideas how to engage parents virtually;
- School Council to review ideas regarding Family/Teacher interviews

Everyone exchanged Christmas/holiday wishes before the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

Require to be reschedule. See email (Date: To be determined)