



# Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School

## School Council DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday October 5, 2021

7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

**School Goal:** Responsive teaching and assessment built on positive relationships with every student.

Numeracy Goal: Improved application of problem-solving strategies.

Literacy Goal: Improved understanding of the meaning and use of process words

Attendance: Greg F, Laura G, Azmat J, Naheed R, Amani R, Jennifer F, Erica L, Zaina A (student rep), Richard T.  
Absent: Neil B, Francis H, Silvie M, Chris F (staff rep).

### Welcome and Introductions

Richard welcomed everyone and provided an opportunity for each person to introduce themselves to the group. It was exciting to have so many new faces joining the Council for the year. All were reminded that if they wished formal membership they would need to submit a self-nomination form (up to 15 members). Formal membership is not needed to attend the meetings and provide input and feedback.

### Agenda and Meeting Process

The agenda that was distributed to the Banting community was approved as the agenda for this meeting.

### Banting Updates

Richard provided an update regarding the almost completed Library Learning Commons (LLC). The space is completely renovated and we now have multiple glassed in collaboration spaces, a maker space, updated technology and a presentation room. Zaina A told the group that the space is very nice and that it is a really nice spot to work. Richard shared that Banting's enrollment is close to 1500 students, not including the 150 who are in Full Remote Learning this year. While space is already very tight, the current grade 12 class is exceptionally large and their graduation will balance out growth factors for next year. 12 new classes were hired for in September to accommodate the 150 new student registrations from the summer.

### Achievement Outcomes for 2020-21

Richard shared with the group the grade 9 credit attainment values and contrasted Banting's outcomes with the neighbouring secondary schools. The school improvement work will focus on engaging our marginalized and/or in-risk students to ensure that they can take full advantage of what Banting has to offer. The equity work will center around Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy and is at the heart of Banting's "destreaming" work in grade 9 Math and English. Opportunities for students to explore these shifts are also being provided and Banting has already hosted a guest speaker who shared with our students ways to how to shift from away from being a "non-racist" and towards becoming an "anti-racist".

## **Council Leadership Structure for 2021-22**

Naheed R was appointed as the chair of School Council and Erica L was appointed as the secretary (thank you both for taking this on!!). Richard will continue as “chair” for this meeting and compile the minutes as well. Future meetings will occur on the first Wednesday of the month with a 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm meeting time.

## **Updates from Banting’s Staff and Student Representatives**

Amani provided the group with an overview of what the Northwest London Resource Centre (NWLRC) does, and which programs are supporting the Banting Community. Updates and information can be found at <https://nwlrc.ca/>. Amani shared with the group the positive impact of the #Broncoscan food drive.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- Reviewing the Banting Principal Profile
- TVPIC & Parent Involvement Funds
- Vision for the 2021-22 School Council

**Next Meeting → November 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm (Zoom invite in next agenda)**