

School Council Annual General Meeting
April 28, 2021 7:00pm (Google Meet)
Minutes

1. Call meeting to order 7:05pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda. JB motioned agenda be accepted, with HJ principal & vice principal (Mike Garrow & Alex Lambert) to present first.
3. Introduction and Welcome of New Faces- Lots of new faces
Attendance: Jennifer Bahler, Lindsay Clark, Fei San Thompson, Jennifer Creasey, Carol Foy, Tracey Lynn, Don Rattray, Jody Butcher, Krista Stannard, Tara Beaulieu, Laura Lauder, Heather Houston-Painchaud, Jamie Fisher, Randy Wolkowski, Mike Garrow, Alexandra Lambert, Gina Belich, Renee Eastwood, Tricia Calen, Tanya Doucette, Tracy Barthel, Janika La, Kandy Hubl
4. Acceptance of Minutes from March 17th, 2021 School Council Meeting – LC motions to accept, JC seconds. All in favor.
5. Board Highlights –Trustee Joanne Knispel-Matejka – Not in attendance. Board met today in regards to whether or not the new curriculum will be piloted. Updates are available online.
6. Learning Presentation – HJ Cody Principal Mike Garrow & Vice Principal Alex Lambert -
 - There is a large Grade 9 class coming in (over 210 students)
 - Potentially there will be 7 Science 9 teachers in the building
 - Hired 6-8 teachers due to high enrollment
 - Alex is currently the Grade 11 & 12 Vice Principal but will be switching to Grade 9 & 10 VP in the fall. (The new Grade 11 & 12 VP will be Rebecca Shaab). Alex has been at HJ for 10 years
 - Transition: - Before break, Alex had visited all the Grade 8 classes. She will be back in June, between the first & the third (fingers crossed) to talk to the kids about what HJ will look like (bell schedule, lockers, lunch, etc)
 - June 3rd @ 7pm there will be a Google meet for parents
 - September 1st – Not sure if it will be a staggered start or not
 - Another parent night will be in the fall (within the first 2 weeks of school start) to answer more questions that arise.
 - Question was asked “How can we help prepare our kids for the transition to high school?”
 - Work on self advocacy skills
 - Work on executive functioning skills (organization of binder, time management, etc..)
7. Administration Report - Mr. Don Rattray & Mrs. Tracey Lynn –
 - Transition work – has already started with elementary schools
 - very different as the elementary kids aren’t able to be bussed to Fox Run due to Covid
 - Don & Tracey will go visit classrooms
 - Will have to tour the school through Google meet in June with incoming students

-Class placement emails have gone out & due May 14th (form available online). Kids also get asked for a list of 3 peers they think they would work well with in school.

-Planning for next year – will look at the parent survey that was filled out
- will do staff survey to see what is working well & what isn't working well.

Staffing – 3 retirements, Mr. Fielder, Mrs. Gette, & Mr. Lidberg

Student Leadership – Lunch Leaders Google meet every Tuesday at 4

-Game Day Friday, outside games!

-Teachers will be picking up the games tomorrow that Parent

Council purchased

-Virtual Spirit Rally Friday

-Spark Youth Awards (Town of Sylvan Lake) coming up, will be

virtual

-Yearbook coming, orders are due May 17th

-In May - there will be more “get to know staff” (kahoot games)

-In June – Grade 8 Farewell

8. Correspondence Received – None

9. Next Meeting –May 19th, 2021 @ 7pm (Google Meet)

10. Adjournment – 7:46pm