Highwood High School Parent Council Meeting

January 18, 2021

Attendance: Bryan Branford, Martha Klassen, Chris Hall, Sharon Nichols, Dave Roberts, Michelle Alberts, Claudia Senior, Aimee Stelter, Berleth Apale

* Meeting began at 7:09pm
* This meeting could not have any voting or approval of minutes due to not having quorum.
* Trustee Report
	+ Sharon Nichols stood in for Larry Albrecht tonight as he was unable to attend
	+ The trustees want the FSD parents to understand that communication is very important to them – please check out their website for more detailed info at engagefsd.com
	+ There will be more “engagement opportunities” coming in the Spring for parents to have their voices heard. Check out their website!
	+ COSC meeting happening Feb 1, 2021 (Council of School Councils)
	+ Budget – the trustees’ priority is that money to be focused on education purposes
		- Hoping for no more major insurance cost increases
	+ March 12 has been added as another Professional Development day this school year
* Admin Report
	+ New staff in the front office – transition going very well
	+ School attendance was very good during the winter online school session
	+ Next week is Exam week (Jan. 25-Jan. 29)
		- Exam schedule on the school webpage
		- The school is working hard to keep the student cohorts consistent during exams – This means increased staff supervision required
		- All grades of students are doing final exams
		- Final exams can affect your final mark
			* Increase your final mark by doing very well on your exam
			* Make sure that you show up for your exam and take it seriously!
	+ Mr. Branford answered a question about the final school transcripts for the grade 12s not writing diploma exams this year - there will be no negative affect as to how their final mark shows up on their final school transcript ☺
	+ February 1 – Semester 2 begins
		- Admin are working on the Semester 2 timetables
		- Any changes to timetables can be dealt with by students in the main office
		- Drop date for students making changes to their timetables is February 12.
	+ Learner profiles going out February 1 at noon
	+ Accountability survey coming out - watch for it!
		- All GRADE 10 students & parents
	+ Bryan Branford is retiring in June 2021 ☹
* Teacher Report – Chris Hall
	+ Student attendance and engagement was very good during the winter online school session
	+ Teachers are preparing the student Learner Profiles – February 1, 2021
	+ Student council
		- December theme days during online session – Ugly Christmas sweater day, toque & mitten day, etc.
			* Students sent pictures into the school from home – to be used as yearbook content
		- Christmas trivia contest
			* $15 & $10 Tim Horton’s gift cards won
		- February – watch for Pink Shirt Day
			* Anti-bullying day
* Old business
	+ Highwood Parent Council Facebook Page
		- More than 100 “likes” and 84 people “follow” it
		- Band video viewed more than 4000x
	+ There will be students returning to “in class” learning after completing Semester 1 online – all of these students have received an email preparing them for their return to the school
* Meeting finished at 7:45pm