

SAUNDERS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 2nd, 2019 7- 8:30 PM

1. 2018-19 Chair, C. Sydor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ATTENDANCE: CATHY SYDOR, SHERRY STEUER, DEANNA PERKS, KATHARINE DRAPER QUINN, MANOEL MELLO, IZABELLA LUCENA, J. L., TRAVIS KARTYE, SARAH KHAN, MEENAKSHI SHARMA, CHESNEY SICKLES JARVIS, LAURIE SICKLES.
3. TVPIC - Saunders Volunteer Award Recipient: C. Sydor introduced SHERRY STEUER (2017 - 18) as the recipient and gave an overview of Sherry's contributions to Saunders. Specifically, Ms. Steuer chaired the PRO Grant sub-committee and organized two events.
4. ELECTION: DESCRIPTION OF ELECTION POLICY, NOMINATION FORM, ADHERENCE TO BOARD POLICY, QUESTION ON MINUTES AND AVAILABILITY OF MINUTES TO PARENTS, DESCRIPTION OF MINUTES ONLINE AND WITH THE SCHOOL.
 1. ACCLAIMED MEENAKSHI SHARMA AS CHAIR OF SCHOOL COUNCIL (2019 - 20)
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. DISCUSSION LEAD BY MEENAKSHI AND CATHY
 - b. DESCRIPTION OF GOALS OF SCHOOL COUNCIL:

question about goals and how they are measured.
qualitative vs quantitative measures were discussed.
Description of utilizing qualitative criteria for goals since participation rates in school council are low and this creates a challenge for the small group who are participating.
decision to maintain the current goals of the Saunders School Council for the current year; can be discussion point later in the school year.

 1. THIS GOAL IS MET BY THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION SESSION FROM THE SCHOOL IS INCLUDED IN EACH MEETING, INFORMATION SESSION FROM SUPPORTING COMMITTEES AND PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THAT YEAR.
 2. THROUGH COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND ADMINISTRATION, IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATION ON CERTAIN TVDSB MEETINGS, BRING INFORMATION TO THE PARENTS VIA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND UPDATES.
 3. IMPORTANT DATES AS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.
 4. SCHOOL LIBRARY AVAILABILITY FOR THE PARENTS TO MEET FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AVAILABILITY OF SOME REFRESHMENTS, MAKING THE EVENING AN INVITING TIME FOR THE PARENTS TO INTERACT.
6. SCHOOL REPORT: PRINCIPAL, MS. S. KHAN PROVIDED THE SCHOOL REPORT ATTACHED WITH THE MINUTES.

- SOME QUESTIONS ON LEARNING STRATEGIES CREDIT COURSES AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE CONTINUALLY AVAILABLE.
QUESTION ON MATH AND LITERACY TESTING AND THEIR TIMING.
GRADE 9 EQAO MATH, IN SAME SEMESTER STUDENT TAKE THE MATH COURSE.
GRADE 10 LITERACY, ONE DATE REGARDLESS OF COURSE TIMING.

APPLIED ACADEMY discussion; It is for students in the Applied stream. Parents were able to sign their students up for the courses; elementary schools also identified appropriate students for the courses and then Saunders staff followed up. Not yet determined if it will continue for grade 10.

- The PROCESS FOR PARENT TEACHER NIGHT was outlined.

7. DISCUSSION TIME 7:28 PM

8. FUTURE MEETINGS:

- i. FACILITY TOUR NOVEMBER 20, 2019, ADD TVPIC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FOR APRIL 8, 2020.
- ii. ALL OTHER SUGGESTIONS ACCEPTED AND REQUIRE MR. KARTYE'S FOLLOW UP.
- iii. MAY 27, 2020, SUGGESTION FOR A SHORTER MEETING, 6 PM START TO 7 PM, IN ORDER TO INCLUDE PARENTS VISITING DANCE SHOW.

8. JOB ACTION: SECRETARIAL, CUSTODIAL, E. A. STAFF, job actions this week; there is an impact on schools and there is the potential for school closures if there is a strike. This would be determined by the Senior Administrative team of TVDSB, not at the school level. Student safety would be the key determining factor. Please monitor media and website for information.

9. SUB COMMITTEES EXPLANATION BY M. Sharma and C. Sydor:

Possible Sub-Committees: PROGRAM FUNDRAISING WITH GOAL, DRESS CODE COMMITTEE, HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM, OPENED PARENT DISCUSSION AND REFRESHMENTS (COOKIES AND WATER).