

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SAUNDERS SCHOOL COUNCIL: November 21, 2018

Attendance: Students: Sophia Brown, Emily Knapper, Deema Hashim, Maheen Fatima; Administration: Mr. B. White; Mr. T. Kartye; Teachers: Mr. S. Chabot; Parents: Angie Brawn; Bridget Corneil; Michelle Durston; Chair: Cathy Sydor; Vice Chair: Meenakshi Sharma.

Regrets: Ms. S. Chams. Teacher Department Report was supplied in her absence.

1. Introductions and opening of the Meetings at 7:01 AM.
2. Confirmation of the Agenda – No additions or amendments from the floor.
3. Minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting: Approved – B. Corneil; Seconded: T. Kartye.
4. Program Spotlight: Music Department, Department Head Mr. Chabot presenting with Students S. Brown and E. Knapper, joined by members of the Saunders Music Parent Association.
 - a. Deferred to February 6, 2019 at the discretion of the Chair. Inclement weather had hampered attendance to the School Council meeting that night. School Council thanks for the effort was offered to Saunders Music Department, Music Students and Parent Association members.
5. School Reports: All written reports will be uploaded to the Saunders Secondary School Website in the School Council tab for public viewing.
 - a. Student Council Report.
 - b. Administration report.
 - i. Discussion: Handwriting skills given increase use of Chrome Books in classroom. No impact on handwriting seen to date. Many aspects of classroom continue to be pen and paper based. Exams are found in multiple formats: Computer based and paper; Chromebook only; paper only. Also, for classroom dynamics, the chrome books allow for improved interactive communication between a teacher and student, with no red pen notes any more, history of revision of a paper is valuable learning for a student and valuable teaching tool for a teacher; easier to provide detailed and timely feedback on written work. A few of the many advantages of the Chromebook as a tool in the classroom over handwritten work.
 - ii. Opportunity to view the renovations underway in the Saunders Auditorium at the conclusion of this meeting to interested attendees.
6. Old Business: Deferred.
7. New Business:
 - a. Saunders School Council Email address: sc-saundres@tvpic.ca. Chair to monitor.
 - b. Volunteers to review and update as needed the School Council information Pamphlet. (M. Sharma).
 - c. TVPIC News: Shared.
 - i. Discussion: Cannabis legalization impact on Student Body. Illegal still for users under the age of 19 years. In same category as tobacco, vaping, cannabis. Education has been provided on hazards. Also highlighted rules: Smoking

tobacco on school property is not permitted and in fact, is only permitted a distance of 20 feet from the Boundary of the School property. This distance puts the students across the street from Saunders Secondary School on the property of Westmount Mall.

- d. Schedule of Council Meetings: Presentations/Speaker Suggestions:
 - i. February 6, 2019: Program Spotlight – Music Department
 - ii. April 10, 2019
 - iii. June 5, 2019
- 8. Meeting adjourned: 7:50 PM

Minutes taken by: Cathy Sydor, Chair, Saunders School Council 2018-2019