



Henry Street High School
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17th, 2023
7:00 pm Recorder: C Wellwood

1. Welcome

Attendance: Kim Henderson, Cheryl Wellwood, Olivia Flannagan, Leslie Parsons, Helena Barnett, Colin Henderson, Karen Bagg, Basil Broumeriotis, Jessan Johnson, Brad Chalmers

Regrets: Kevin De Andrade, Peter Loveless

SCC Members and Chair Acclaimed:

Kim Henderson, SCC Chair

Leslie Parsons
Brad Chalmers
Siawash Rhudayar
Karen Dasovich
Melissa Nash
Natasha Toney

Julia Stewart
Jennifer Eady
Ramona Prentice
Christina Koch
Helena Barnette

The School Community Council (SCC) supports student achievement and well-being through an advisory role with the school principal. SCC also supports parent engagement and communication between home and school. More information can be found at <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/school-community-councils.aspx>.

2. Adoption of the Minutes from April 19th, 2022:

First: Leslie Parsons Second: Helena Barnett

3. Adoption of Agenda:

First _____ Second _____

4. Correspondence

5. Student Council Rep. Report: Olivia Flanagan and Jessan Johnson

HSLC:

- Summer Spirit Week plans in progress

Senior BBQ - Grillin' with Grads :

- Celebrate the 'last' day were all in the nest together
- Yearbook signing, popsicles, games, grade 12 mural and more
- Clap-out with the whole school at the end of the day

Shrek:

- Tickets are selling out fast!
- Purchase only from Mr. Mckinnon
- May 31 - June 2

Athletic Council:

- Athletic Banquet
- Tickets on school cash online for athletes

Henry Positivity Club:

- Vaping awareness campaign this week

6. Guidance Report

Commencement Updates:

- Self-nominations for Commencement Awards closed May 5, 2023. Staff are now completing their nominations.
- Valedictorian Nominations closed on May 12, 2023
8 Students were nominated by their peers with staff support.
- Valedictorian Voting will Google Form will open Wednesday May 17 and close at 12pm Friday May 26, 2023. The 2023 Valedictorian will be announced the afternoon of May 26.
- Commencement Student Questionnaire is open for students until May 31, 2023.

Student Success Updates:

- The student success team continues to meet biweekly

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- Credit Catch-up days are occurring this week for all grades. Teachers recommend students who are behind in their class and students get an entire morning to focus on getting caught up on assignments.

Grade 8s:

- Spring Grade 8 Tours started this week:) Whitby Shores PS was the first school to have the tour

Next Year:

- Guidance has confirmed dates for University Panel Presentations and College Panel Presentations for Grade 12 students. Guidance is also working on a *NEW* Post-Secondary Night Fair for Students and Families in November.

Other Items to Share:

- Guidance was very excited to create a giant colouring bulletin board for students (pictures below of Mrs. Igel and Mrs. McFadden trying it out)
- Guidance and The Henry Street Positivity Club are excited to have Pet Therapy happening on specific dates (pictures below).
- Lake Ridge Community Support Services setup a lunch time booth to advertise careers in their industry (pictures below)
- Guidance has created a calming area in guidance with colouring books, fidgets, games and a puzzle & we are working on adding lots of plant life.
- Guidance and Department Heads are working together to make a week full of stress reducing activities prior to the start of exams.

7. Principal's Report

-Basil shared the school calendar to the SCC, advising the first day of school to be August 24th

8. Teacher Report – Cheryl Wellwood on behalf of Peter Loveless

- *Shrek the Musical* is preparing for our shows at the end of the month. Tickets are going like hotcakes! The last few remaining tickets are available directly through Mr. McKinnon, it is no longer on School Cash OnLine.
- Music night was May 9th at 7pm. The event was well-attended and featured a theme of “Pops Night”, a century of pop tunes.
- Art Attack (at the Station Gallery) is hosting many Henry Street artists in this Durham Region art festival. The work is impressive and should not be missed!

- The Junior Achievement BizCafe program has just started in the Grade 12 Accounting Class. It is a competitive business simulation where students make business decisions when running a Cafe in a university town. This simulation started this week and runs until the end of May. Students are in teams and are competing against over 150 teams across Ontario with the chance to win a \$5000 scholarship.
- Grade 9 students went to the Outdoor Ed Centre on May 4th.
- Natural Disasters Class - created and blew up volcanoes on May 5th.
- Earth Day Clean up happened April 20th and collectively collected almost 1000lbs of garbage in our community

- Grade 12 students performed well at Kelly Cup - We won our first round against Brooklin, but lost by 1 point to J. Clarke in round 2 (107-108). It was a very narrow defeat but the students performed extremely well. Noah Budd won the Congeniality Award and the trophy will be presented to him later in the month at the Oshawa Courthouse

- 24 Henry students (mostly from Ms. Stevens' Law and History classes) participated in the Durham Region Model UN at the DDSB Board Office on May 8th

- Leandra Coore, the Canadian and World Studies Facilitator, presented to both the grade 11 and grade 12 law classes on the subject of the Black Canadian Experience with Canada's Legal System. Leandra also presented a history of Black Canadians to the Grade 10 class.

- Students in both Law and Canadian History have picked their topic of interest and have begun researching their areas of interest for their summative project. They will be working with the Teacher Librarian to develop research skills such as finding credible sources and relevant information, note taking, paraphrasing, organizational and critical thinking skills throughout the month of May.

- Grade 9 Math students did experiments to generate data about linear growth (ball bounce) and decay patterns (knotting ropes).
- Grade 11 Math students did a fun/artistic inquiry for their exponential functions unit. The students had to graph their functions and then make the graph into a picture/do something creative with it. Picture of a delicious exponential cake attached - "Exponential Functions are a Piece of Cake" and eyeball "Eye See and Exponential Equation", (fun titles were encouraged!)

- All rugby teams are heading into playoffs soon.
- Match Golf team is undefeated right now.
- Girls soccer headed into playoffs and doing well.
- Floor ball intramurals ended with teacher team finishing 2nd!
- We are now doing a 3 on 3 basketball intramural and hope to end with football or ultimate frisbee.

- Several students attended the Ontario Skills competition last week. Here is how they did:
Stella B – 5th in Job Interview
Kasper P – 6th in Mechanical CAD
Eliana W – 7th in Architectural CAD
Ethan K – 8th in Outdoor Powered Equipment
Taylor V – 20th in Hairstyling
- White Pine Book Club participated in Provincial voting for the best YA White Pine book of 2023 – results coming!
- School Reach continues to meet every Thursday at lunch and is always looking for members passionate about trivia!

9. Literacy/Numeracy Update

The EQAO grade 9 Math test will be written On June 13th and 14th and we have 142 students writing the test. Only students with math in semester 2 write the EQAO Math test in June. Students will be divided into morning or afternoon test sessions, any student with math in either periods 1 or 2 will write in the morning in the Library and any student with math in periods 3 or 4 will write in the Library in the afternoon except for one class (Mr. Hennigar period 3) who will write in their regular room because the afternoon has too many classes for the Library to accommodate. Students with Inclusive Student Services needs will be mostly writing in the Hub. The EQAO Math test is not a graduation requirement but it is worth 5% of their overall mark in the course if it helps them. It is not included in the overall grade if it lowers their mark.

10. Exam Schedule

The Exam schedule is as follows:

Grade 12 Exams: June 19-22 (periods 3,4,1,2)

Grade 9-11 Exams: June 21-26 (periods 1,2,3,4)

Periods 1 and 2 overlap so the entire school is writing their periods 1 and 2 exams on the same days, June 19th and 20th. The grade 12 periods 3 and 4 exams have been shifted earlier to allow for preparations for commencement.

11. Other Business

- Thank you to Kim Henderson for her four years of service to Henry Street as S.C.C. chair!
- Should we continue with in-person meetings in the fall and virtual in the winter months or should this be revised?
 - Those in attendance liked the hybrid model of in person and virtual
 - 6:30 would be a preferred time
- Other others
- Swim team- will it be happening next year?
- Gr 9 SHSM- mention it in grade assemblies
- Bathrooms
 - Brad Chalmers & Karen Bagg brought up on-going difficulties with the washrooms... expressed that they would like to support the school in maintaining a safe environment
 - Basil- situation not unique to this school
 - Gave a history of vaping and the fears of addiction in youth
 - Discussed secured open of the doors... noticed that this has demonstrated an decrease in congregating in the washrooms
 - Indicated we have several independent use washrooms available to students
 - discussed conversations at board level- floor to ceiling stalls
 - discussed looking at vaporizer detector devices
 - discussed need for more education to students about the addiction level of vapes
 - potential to get public health in for a demonstration of what the devices look like (grade level assemblies? SCC meetings)
 - What can guardians do?
 - Discussing at system level the need to have renovations to washrooms
 - Contacting MPPs to discuss about the harm

12. Upcoming Important Dates

May 22: Victoria Day – no classes

May 31-June 2nd Shrek: The Musical

June 8: Grad Social

June 14: Athletic Banquet 3:30-5:30pm in the Cafeteria

Last day of class for grade 12s: Friday, June 16th (Exams June 19-22)

Last day of class for grades 9-11: Tuesday, June 20th (Exams June 21-26)

July 7: Final Report Cards available on Parent Portal

13. Adjournment

First: Brad Chalmers Second: Leslie Parsons

Use of E-mail to communicate:

SCC Email Address: **SCC.HenryStreetHS@scc.ddsb.ca**

Here is the link to the SCC Email Login Page which is on our DDSB website -
<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/school-community-councils.aspx>

The next SCC meeting will be during the 2023-24 school year. The calendar for next year's SCC meetings will be communicated later.