

# Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute School Council Minutes

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

5:30 p.m.

**In attendance:** Michelle Probizanski (Principal), Sue Reppard (Chair), Virginia Steele (note taker), Cheryl Silen, Bridget Steele (SAC student rep), Katherine Swerhun, Lorelei Maloney, Sirpa Louoto, Candice Crockett, Charlene Padovese

**Regrets:** Joanne Waddington

1. Meeting called to order (5:40) and welcome – Sue
2. Introductions and Review of January minutes. Minutes are approved by all – Cheryl 1<sup>st</sup>, Virginia 2<sup>nd</sup>
3. Elections – Michelle  
Chair – Sue Reppard was re-elected  
Secretary – Virginia Steele was re-elected  
Parent members – all present, were elected
4. Agenda Approval (additions – Cheerleading equipment) – approved by all

5. Budget – \$500 - impromptu discussion on how to let people know we are in fact staying open – idea to send out info to our Family of Schools – idea to have a reach out to cultural groups such as the Syrian refugees

6. Student Council/SAC update – Bridget (SAC rep)

- Accomplished so far: Grade 9 Fun Day – SAC members were the leaders and played games with the grade 9's for the morning then they were given pizza for lunch, Spirit Week theme days – PJ Day, Lip Synch battles, flash to the past, Band shirt, Pep Rally – for the Fall sports, Bake Sale – for scholarships and SAC events
- What is being planned: “Freaky Fridays” every Friday in October for Halloween (pumpkin carving next week), Halloween Dance October 25<sup>th</sup>, Kingfisher Leadership Retreat Nov 15 & 16 Student council members, teacher's choose students to attend from grade nine, Semi-Formal December 7<sup>th</sup>

7. Admin Reports - Michelle

- EQAO – Literacy test in grade 10, required to graduate – if you do not pass, you can try again or you can do the Ontario Literacy course – grade 9s write a pretest – grade 10 there is a full length pretest to be written on October 24<sup>th</sup> – after those results, students get help if they need it – last year we increased our results to 79% passing – we also had the highest participation rate last year – 5% were absent, but that does not count as a zero

- Math EQAO – Grade 9 – not needed to graduate, but 10% is used for part of their final mark – scores went up in math as well last year
- Kickstart – grade 8s come here after school – we have 3 sections this year – Design Tech – grade 8s get a grade 9 credit – discussion about transportation issue. Some feeder schools are not providing bussing even though a bus comes right to Superior after their elementary route. Michelle will look into this with those principals.
- Youth Fusion – an organization that brings real life careers in the schools – focus was on at risk students at first – partnered with the Ministry of Ed and our board – Westmount and Superior were chosen – 24 students in grade 10 are working on a year long course and they are creating a video game/computer engineering – they go to Toronto at the end and do a video game launch – we also get a mentor from the community (a computer engineering student from LU) who comes in 2 days a week - this is a long term commitment, it will happen every year – this is an opportunity for students to truly try out a career path
- Sweet Life Road Show – for students just learning to drive – driving hazards were discussed
- University Fair – Wednesday night, here – all Ontario University's will be represented – a chance for students to get questions answered etc

- Indigenous Students are touring the city tomorrow to help them transition – tour on a city bus – we are the only school that is doing this – we are stopping at the health unit, lunch at the Marina – lots of donations – about 30 kids participating
- Current population of Superior is 560
- IT – all communication classes got 10 Winbooks for collaboration – all teachers are being trained
- Parent Teacher interview night October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sports – Football Junior team has 34 players – Senior team does not have enough to field a competitive team so we are scrimmaging other schools – Nissan \$3000 plus equipment was a one year thing – Basketball, volleyball, XC are all happening
- Student attendance is being policed and it has worked

## 8. New Business

- the mats for gym walls are up – were put in as per regulation
- Basketball uniforms are needed – the material is not nice, a variety of sizes are not available
- Volleyball shirts are needed for boys too as they don't have numbers on the front
- Cheerleading mat is being purchased

- Yearbooks – there was a discussion about possibly having the last two months of school included in the yearbook – many thought this was a sacrifice to make to have the books available for signatures at the end of the year. Other schools hand them out in the fall.
- Five Mile Grade 8 graduation - could be here? Claude and Vance have theirs here already – a slide show can happen – the public can book the gym/cafetorium etc.
- Water bottle stations are here and being well used
- There was a discussion about students that graduate and are doing a victory lap - they don't qualify for in-school scholarships – this is a Lakehead Board policy – in other boards, you can defer the scholarship – Michelle will look into this

9. Correspondence – Thank You card from students who received Parent Council Scholarships last June

10. Adjournment 6:30 p.m.

**Next School Council meeting: Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 5:30 pm**

**Safe Schools meeting: Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 4:45 p.m.**