

**Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute Safe Schools Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 6th, 2017**  
**5:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Michelle Probizanski (Principal), Sue Reppard (Chair),  
Sirpa Luoto, Tammy Fedoruk and Ben Fedoruk

- Meeting called to order (5:00) and welcome – Michelle

**UPDATE ON SCHOOL CULTURE**

- A key fob system will be implemented after March Break to enhance security and safety of the school. All staff will carry a fob to unlock doors. All outside doors will be locked within 10 minutes of the start of the school day and will unlock in between periods. Only the front main doors will be unlocked during the day so it can be monitored.
- Restore and relax room and ELearning room is used regularly and respectfully by students who really enjoy the two spaces.
- Epi pens are kept current and are located around the school and staff have been trained in their locations. Defibrillator training has taken place and is available in main lobby. Fire plans and safety plans are kept current.
- With a stricter zero tolerance system in place for late and absences, it has drastically reduced student absence and tardiness.

**EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

- Enrollment in Superior's Gay Straight Alliance has reduced. Will focus on revitalizing the group but in the meantime they have joined with other groups like Natural Helpers.
- SAC – decided to focus on large events instead of small events. Recently on Valentine's Day, sticky notes were attached to everyone's locker with positive messages to boost student spirit.
- Aboriginal Student Council has 13 members – 10 from Whitesand. It provides a safe space to work hard together to organize activities such as the annual powwow and regular events throughout the school year to demonstrate traditional teachings to the student body.

**ANTI BULLYING AND RISK PREVENTION**

- Grade 11 students participated in the Party Program which was well received by students.
- Grade 12 students will be participating in Safe Partying program to educate on the dangers of using drugs and alcohol during Prom and Graduation celebrations.
- Northern School of Medicine has offered students a smoking cessation program where one on one counselling will be offered which has proven to be very effective.
- Superior Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan 2017-2018 provided.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm

Next meeting to be announced in the fall of 2018.

# Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute School Council Minutes

## Monday, November 6th, 2017

### 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Michelle Probizanski (Principal), Sue Reppard (Chair & Notetaker), Joanne Waddington (Notetaker), Cheryl Silen, Carly Martin (SAC student rep), Sirpa Luoto, Katherine Swerhun, Candice Crockett, Tammy Fedoruk (Churchill Council/Parent) and Ben Fedoruk (gr.10 Churchill IB Program)

1. Meeting called to order (5:30) and welcome – Sue
2. Introductions and Review of November 6, 2017 minutes. Amendments by Sirpa Luoto and Michell Probizanski. Minutes are approved by all – Joanne 1st, Katherine 2nd
3. Agenda Approval (additions – advance notice for events via Synervoice)
4. Budget – \$500 – it is the same
5. Student Council/SAC update – Carly (SAC rep)
  - Council has decided to focus on larger events instead of small ones
  - March Break Madness March 5-9 – different event every day: Disney day, Colour Day, Impressionist Day, Green Day and Amazing Race style scavenger hunt buy out.
  - Spring Carnival planning with Churchill – open to students, families and the public. BBQ, games, dunk tank. Parents suggested other interest/sport groups at Superior could organize fund raising activities to expand the carnival ie car wash, etc.
  - SAC executive meet every Monday and general meeting Tuesdays.

#### **6. Admin Reports - Michelle**

- Sports uniforms were purchased for all sports by the school except for girls basketball and cheerleading. School will need to replenish their account as it cost more than \$7,000.00. Mr. Clouthier will be ordering and paying for the girls basketball uniforms out of the bingo account.
- Additional Cheerleading mat was purchased by school. New cheerleading uniforms were purchased with their own fundraised monies.
- Bingo Licence will now be managed by Keith Ailey. Any sport team can volunteer to run a bingo to raise money for their team.
- SSSAA update: IB students will be allowed to play all sports. Still waiting on appealed decision of preventing any other Churchill student who decides they would rather transfer to Superior instead of Westgate in the fall from playing sports.

#### **7. Student Achievement**

- Superior was one of 17 schools in Ontario honoured with the Dr. Bette Stephenson Recognition of Achievement for dedication to student achievement and use of EQAO data to improve student learning. Superior made considerable gains with students with special needs in literacy results. Applied math levels are still low across Ontario and will focus on achieving higher results.
- Youth Fusion works with Lakehead board and provides lots of funding for the popular Grade 10 Video Game Course which runs all year and provides two credits: tech design/robotics and computer engineering. Students will be showcasing their video games at UBISOFT in Toronto at the end of the year.
- Superior will be able to offer a grade 11 Cinematography course starting next year. Sinervoice to go out to notify parents and students of addition to course calendar.

- Minecraft – Superior has a licence to play Minecraft so any Lakehead student can play at home. Studies have determined that **Minecraft** is educational because it enhances creativity, problem-solving, self-direction, collaboration, and other life skills.
- Office 365 is available free to all Lakehead student at home. Check Lakehead board website for details.
- City Bus ride tour around Thunder Bay for new students moving to the city for school in the fall was a huge success and looking to make it an annual event.
- Whitesands First Nations donated \$1,000 to the Aboriginal Student Council for their work in the school and honouring truth and reconciliation for indigenous and non-indigenous students.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Parent teacher interviews March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Literacy Test
- SAC is combining events with Churchill IB students including Polar Bear Plunge – Superior teaming up with Churchill this year. 15 students from each school is participating. Looking for donations
- Travel club leaving Wednesday for Spain this year. Next year is Greece
- May 2018 Google Trip – 48 students going.

### **8. LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

- Staffing this fall is not yet confirmed as the collective agreement will determine how positions will be filled. 15 IB Teachers from Churchill has expressed an interest to transfer to Superior in the fall. There must be at least 2/3 of the IB teachers in order for the IB program to be approved.
- IB student enrollment so far: 42 grade 9 students, 25 grade 11 students and 16 grade 12 students
- 145 grade 9 students enrolled for fall bringing student population to approx. 700 students.
- PA day Lisa Kortewy came to speak to staff about building relationships with indigenous students

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Susan wrote several times to Kayla Dixon, Director of Engineering & Operations City of Thunder Bay and Brian MacKinnon. Received a response February 4<sup>th</sup> advising that the city has a list of approx. 25 proposed locations for crossovers based on citizen and council concerns. The High Street/Superior location will be added to the list for review. The city only budgets for the installation of two cross overs each year. Brian MacKinnon agreed that our location should be added to the list and reviewed for priority. Kayla Dixon's email address is: [KDixon@thunderbay.ca](mailto:KDixon@thunderbay.ca)
- PROGRANT applications are being accepted for 2018. Anyone is welcome to take on the project to apply for ProGrant and organize event which engages parents and students.

Adjournment 7:00 p.m.

Next School Council meeting: **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 5:30 pm**