

# Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute School Council Minutes

Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:30 p.m.

**In attendance:** Sue Reppard, Virginia Steele, Bridget Steele (SAC rep), Jo Noble, Tanja Vance, Ryan McDonnell (Vice Principal), Jerry Slobojan (Teacher Rep), Michelle Probizanski (Principal), Mary-Ann Hannaford

Regrets: Tammy Fedoruk, Ben Fedoruk

1. Meeting called to order (5:35 pm) and welcome intro – Sue
2. Review of minutes from previous meeting (October 2017) – Tanja moved to accept, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved
3. Student Council/SAC update – Bridget (SAC rep)

Halloween Dance – biggest one yet – large turn out – dances are now free to attend

Semi Formal – was at the Italian Hall – it was well attended – a good night 😊

Dodgeball Tournament – was successful – buy out money went towards Scholarship Fund

Upcoming events being planned:

Autism Bake Sale – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – an annual event – proceeds stay in Thunder Bay – families will be encouraged to send in baking to be sold at lunch by SAC members

Scavenger Hunt Buy Out, sometime in April

Wake-A-Thon - end of March on a Friday night – students and staff will stay overnight at the school and stay up all night - a fundraiser

Carnival in June again this year – its for the community to attend as well – we hope the weather will be nicer than last year!

#### 4. Admin Reports - Ryan

- Sports – teams in all sports (boys basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling, cheerleading, badminton and XC skiing) – we are struggling to have staff coaches, but appreciate community coaches – working on changing this in hopes of having more teachers in the building coaching
- EQAO Grade 9 Math wrote practice test – written in math class each semester
- EQAO Grade 10 literacy test will be written in the spring – those that scored low on the pretest will get extra support – all students in province write on the same day
- Exams start tomorrow – then turn around days – exams are usually written in regular classrooms – can be exempt is mark over 70 and attendance is good at the applied level. Exams are in morning – minimum of one hour then welcome to go home – not expected

to stay for the day – we discussed that some Grade 9 parents did not get enough info send home – an FAQ would be nice for new parents. There was a discussion about the timeline of exams. Could there be a day in between last day of class and first exam? Wednesday is a make up day – some parents were asking that maybe have no culminating due just days before exams start as students should be using this time to be studying – perhaps have them due before the winter break, even just for Grade 9s? Ryan stated that the culminating should really be a review for the exam.

- Science in grade 9 and 10 classes had interviews with students as culminating
- Arts – The Gryphon Gala which was sold out – music and dance combined. Alice and Wonderland Play, by senior drama class was successful – family of schools students were invited in during the day.
- Music From the Heart – this has come from a Churchill tradition around Valentines Day – its usually done in a coffee shop – in support of the Superior school band and the Urban Abbey. There was a discussion about this and LBGQT community – Ryan will look into the possible church principals attached as that would seem more like a Catholic board fundraiser. The band is having a fundraiser February 8<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Supper to raise money for the band’s trip to Chicago – it is here at Superior - tickets will be sold – band Spring Concert Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Travel club going to Greece during March Break

- Grade 8 Kickstart Kids in the newspaper today! They made cat houses for stray cats and proceeds were going to Kitty Kare
- Learning Environment – wrestling room is now part of the weight room – some bikes etc are now in another room. Robotics Club now has a room upstairs – more Wifi Hubs have been installed and announcements are being updated to new server
- During exam time, if a student is behind – there is a rescue credit happening during exams – they can work with student success team – not just giving them a 50% to pass – they can work to earn it
- Grade 8s visited from our Family of Schools – the made jam in foods and completed an art and tech activity – this is a softer approach to transitioning into high school – we want to have them in more often, so they will be more comfortable – gives admin chance to talk to students as well – all grade 8s coming next Wednesday – it's a quiet day because of no scheduled exams, so anxiety will be lower we hope – student services has been into Grade 8 classes – kids will be in a few more times over the spring - IB coordinator has been in all grade 8 classes all over the city
- Grade 8 open house at Superior is Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Virginia and Jo volunteered to sit at the parent council table – Cheryl will be reading Sue's speech, as she is out of town for work - IB will have its own space – this year, there will be less talking and more visiting time – community partners will be present – a parent suggested a sign/poster that would have a

schedule for the night so people know what to expect – parent council will buy four \$25 gift cards for a draw (pens, basket needed at the table)

5. New Business - none

6. Adjournment 6:15 p.m.

**Next School Council meeting: Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 p.m.**

**Safe Schools meeting: Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m.**