

Banting Memorial High School

School Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday February 18th, 2021

7:00pm Virtual

In attendance: Nancy Arnold-Sallows (principal), Christa Lacey (chair), Michelle Woodward, Martina Whittick, Dana Wright (teacher representative), Sydney Narain (student representative), Natrisha LaRocca, Sarah Harris, Larry Boston, Carolyn Maw-Udovicic

- 1. 7:02pm Call to Order - C. Lacey**
- 2. Welcome & Introductions - C. Lacey**
- 3. School Council Items**
 - Approve Agenda
 - Approve Minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to approve the Agenda: Natrisha LaRocca. Seconded: Michelle Woodward. Passed.
Motion to approve Minutes from November 19 meeting. Correction of spelling Stephanie MacLellan's name. Natrisha LaRocca. Seconded: Michelle Woodward. Passed.

- 4. Principal's Update - N. Arnold-Sallows**
 - New calendar dates: As per the government announcement last week. Spring break has moved to the week of April 12th. Updated calendar can be found on the board website.
https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar
 - Report cards went home on February 17th
 - Breakfast club update: COVID restrictions require that everything be pre-packaged, and students can just "Grab and Go". There is a plan to have offer some healthy alternatives like pre-packaged veggies and sandwiches.
 - Leadership class activities: leadership class has planned many activities to keep Marauder spirits up these include spirit days and some larger activities that meet all COVID protocols.
- 5. Student Rep Update – Sydney**
 - Leadership class runs twice a year, due to the quadmester format Leadership class did not run in the second quadmester. The Wellness Committee which is made up of Jr/Sr students took over running the activities. Quadmester 3, the Leadership Class is back and planning activities.
 - Planning a fundraiser for Coldest Night of the Year on Feb 23rd

- Black History Month: Wellness Committee is creating a school museum where classes will be able to visit the different displays around the school and have discussions about topics that relate to Black History Month. There will also be a school-wide Kahoot! game.

6. Teacher's Update – D. Wright

- Teachers are adjusting to the new hybrid model and getting used to the technology
- Teachers are looking forward to helping promote and participating in the activities that the leadership class is working on

7. New Business

- Michelle Woodward has resigned as co-chair as she has accepted a job with SCDSB. She will remain a voting member of School Council and has declared that she is a SCDSB employee.
- PIC Connections 2.0, Tuesday March 2, 2021 (Michelle Woodward)
 - Parent Involvement Committee is running 4 activities in the month of February to promote Mental Health. The last one is Family Music Night on Feb 25 at 6pm. There is a zoom link on the following web page. https://www.scdsb.on.ca/news/current_news/join_the_scdsb_for_feelin_good_february
 - Tuesday, March 2 – is PIC Connections. See information below. To register [click here](#).

Virtual school council orientation

The Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) invites all SCDSB school council members to join **Connections 2.0**. This *virtual* event will spark conversations around diversity and inclusion, and engage participants in discussions and idea-sharing sessions that will help take their council to the next level.

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

6:30 to 6:40 p.m. - Welcome and introductions

6:40 to 7:30 p.m. - Making change - If nothing changes, nothing changes (featuring guest speaker Debbie Opoku-Mulder, Making Change Speaker, Facilitator, Panelist)

7:30 to 7:50 p.m. - Strategies for running a successful, effective, virtual school council meeting (panel discussion)

7:50 to 8:10 p.m. - PRO Grants and Parent Engagement Events in the virtual world (group brainstorming and sharing session)

8:15 to 8:30 p.m. - Group session with your PIC representative

New business continued:

- PRO Grant – Banting has not submitted a proposal for the PRO Grant, suggestion that Sean Evans from Nottawasaga has a very good presentation about Internet safety.

ACTION ITEM: Michelle to email contact at the board to see if a proposal can still be submitted.

ACTION ITEM: If a proposal can still be submitted, Christa looking for suggestions

ACTION ITEM: Christa to submit the PRO Grant proposal if permitted

- Question: Which week will former March Break be? Period One or Period Two?

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Arnold-Sallows to send the updated calendar to School Council members

- Next school council meeting takes place during newly scheduled spring break in April. Meeting is now rescheduled for Thursday, April 22.
- Christa recognized the Leadership Class for all the great activities that they have planned and are planning. Also, recognized the LINK Crew, who hosted a great Grade 8 Virtual Session.
- Ms. Arnold-Sallows would like to approach Tim Hortons to see if Banting could be a future recipient of the Smile Cookie proceeds. Looking for contact info for managers/owners at any of the local Tim Hortons locations.

8. Meeting Adjourned 7:38pm Motion: Dana Wright. Seconded: Sydney. Passed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22nd. 7pm