



PICKERING HIGH SCHOOL

"Enter to Learn....Go Forth to Serve"

SCC MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019

ATTENDEES

Admin/Staff/Special Guests/Students	Principal: R. Tennant Vice Principals: K. Kanavalli, J. Page
SCC Parents	E. Kyriakides (Chair), M. Hindle (Vice Chair), K. Fraser (Secretary), F. Khudayar, A. Frobes, R. Rawlins, T. Pereira, K. Webster, L. Seagall, A. Popescu, D. McCulloch, T. Kalhous, T. Hyman, S. Chanana, S. Ramprashad, R. Perry, T. Bell, K. Haslam., K. Callery, A. Krebelj, H. Mbakwe, F. Ameen, J. Fiamboli, L. Kawiratne
REGRETS	Vice Principals : H. Leung Teacher Rep : C. Davis, Student Rep: TBA

RECORDER: Karen Fraser

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M. by Randy Tennant

1. Welcome & Introductions

- 4th year here at PHS
- Great group of SCC
- One of the larger SCC committees
- We regularly have 20 or more to our meetings
- Chaired by a parent and principal speaks through the chair
- Always begin at 7 pm and go for an hour
- Sometimes when we have special guests we may run over the hour
- ***PHS Vice Principals:***
 - Jack Page- VP – A -G
 - Kavita Kanavalli – VP -H-O
 - Hoi Leung – VP – M –Z - *not here tonight – family obligation*
 - Parents - Introduce yourself, introduce your child and the grade they are in

2. Role of SCC at PHS - RT

- No fundraising different from elementary
- Run SPIN nights
- SCC is not specific to individual needs
- SCC is for broader issues
- If there is an issue first contact is classroom teacher, VP or P
- Election of SCC members
- You do not have to be a member – you can still attend but if you are a member you are part of the voting process and we need 51% to meet quorum
- 3 positions – Chair, Vice-Chair & Secretary
- We have a \$500 budget and usually give to an award at graduation – voting item

3. Election of SCC Members

- Nomination forms to R. Tennant
- Become a voting member = committed to attending all meetings
- Must have quorum (*> 51% of members at SCC to vote*)
- All can attend meetings without being a member (non-voting member)



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4. Election of SCC Officers for the 2019-20 School Year

- **Eva Kyriakides** – has been elected as CHAIR by a SCC formal voting process
- **Mary Hindle** – has been elected as Vice –Chair by the SCC formal voting process
- **Karen Fraser** –Secretary

5. Meeting Dates for Upcoming School Year:

- Oct. 30/19
- Nov. 27/19
- Feb. 26/20
- Apr. 29/20
- May 27/20
- **Jayne/Karen C - motion carried**

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: 7:30 pm turned over to Eva Kyriakides

RT – characteristics in a Principal – worksheet to think about our school and community special, how it changing, about our students, leadership qualities for future administrator

Provides input to executive and RT sends back to operation

Before we do this, we need to look at the board's strategic priorities

1. Success
2. Well-Being
3. Leadership
4. Equity
5. Engagement
6. Innovation

Eva K - Lead the activity

Take each one of the sections and focus as a team

7. TEACHER'S REPORT: C. Davis

- N/A

8. STUDENT REPORT: TBA

- N/A

9. PRINCIPALS' REPORT: Randy Tennant

(see attached PDF)

Principals' Report - See attached report

- Strong belief in education our teachers have an incredible responsibility
- We have to reach children first on a personal level first – students must know we care about them
- Some of the hardest children to serve need second chances
- Caring but firm – high expectations achievable with support and be a safe space to learn
- No child takes away learning for another child
- Will hold children accountable

Focus to staff – improve student achievement

School Improvement Plan (SIPSAW) – copy attached

3 FOCI:

1. Literacy
2. Numeracy



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3. Credit accumulation

- improve results for marginalized students - hardest work is for students on the margins; socio-economic, learning challenges, other – change our ways of instructing to reach every child

Embed in Every Goal for Proportional Outcomes

- Equity
- Innovation
- Well-Being of staff and students – belonging/mattering- appreciation of where all students come from – mental health aspects – increasing occurrences - responsible for their actions
 - All the art in this school is done by students – student voice
 - All students have Chromebooks - tool to learn
 - Flexible learning spaces
 - All teachers have ILP laptops
- 91% of students passed OSSLT (9% - that we need to focus our attention on)
- Changing future practice takes time and this is working document (SIPSAW)

*****Action:** need a SCC parent to volunteer for Safe Schools and Equity committees

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

****ACTION: RT ** to bring in the 1950's aerial picture of Pickering HS**

- Q from Deserie – we have a Special Olympics team – volleyball – adaptive phys. ed programs
- Only 1 of 2 high schools who participated in para-Olympics
- Q – Deserie – to support our kids in career achievement and promote their ability to the community
- RT – PHS has a large proportion of students that are University bound – however, in the economy today there is a huge demand for skilled labour
- MH – last year the school put on a career fair focused on trades
- Robin – we should get more exposure to OYAP programs
- RT – we do a really good job here with skilled trades; robotics, transportation etc..
- RT- 5th year – there are funding issues – what is the purpose of returning – upgrade – changes in focus – adolescents need the opportunity to make mistakes – when we do a 5th year student we will not guarantee a class until all current grade 12 are in the class – only funded for so many staff members/ they can't go to another school they must go to home school – funding is very tight for 5th year
- RT – our students are awesome – very polite and respectful
- EK – students are very involved
- KK – PHS has a student trustee – representing Ajax/Pickering
- Deserie – do the mainstream students integrate with the special education students – yes we have 'best buddies'

*****ACTION:** Join our TWITTER FEED @PickeringHS

*****JOIN OUR REMIND:** TEXT TO 289-275-5521 TEXT THIS MESSAGE @scc-phs

1. CUPE – update – our focus is student safety
2. RT – advice – “worry about only those things you can control and influence”

11. ADJOURNMENT

- 8:40 p.m. meeting adjourned
 - **Motioned by Alex /Lalin**