



PICKERING HIGH SCHOOL

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

SCC MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 30TH, 2019

ATTENDEES

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

RECORDER: Karen Fraser (Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M. by E. Kyriakides (Chair)

1. Introductions

- Members introduced themselves

2. STUDENT REPORT:

Student Report – Exec member – Director of Social Media

- Voice of study body
- Students can go to council – talk to – comments suggestions
- Student government office – before/lunch/after school – suggestion box
- General meetings – for all – home room representatives –
- Social media accounts – on social media PHS student government on Instagram and twitter
- Important info for students and parents
- Initiatives – comments/suggestions from SCC
- Music in hall while travelling to class – music changes your mood- asked students for types of clean music – students hear their music on the way to class – very effective

Student Prime Minister – job to oversee initiatives

- Film the works
- Staff lunch – invited all teachers to library
- Teachers are aware of student council initiatives
- Major initiative – house system – 4 houses
- Red/green/yellow/blue houses
- Awarded for school involvement – honour role, volunteer hours – most points house cup and flag at the front of school
 - Supports all students
 - Culture and community spirit
 - Promote awareness
 - Students involved in school do the best academically



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- Q from SCC - House are determined by a mix of each grade- mix of all grades and homerooms to make it
- RT (Randy Tennant) - fits well with the foci of our school and includes marginalized students – really appreciates grass roots involvement for all students in the school
- Student Council (SC)– it will change each year as you move homerooms
- Q from SCC – 40-hour limit for guidance – how do you track this
- SC (Student Council) response – system will run into many problems – make sure we iron the problems going forward
- RT – Sometimes as adults, we are caught up in all the details – EDS building the plane as they are flying it – the Student Council are open to feedback and offer assistance
- Q from SCC – any avenues to talk about the hard stuff ‘bullying’ – cause of mental health issues
- SC – sometimes students are more comfortable to talking to other students
- Q from SCC – is there any other avenues
- SC – yes, we could do an anti-bullying week – have something for this
- RT – part of the SC is to be part of school committees – bullying has always been an issue in education for many years – part of their mandate is to have a legacy item – to leave behind for future years.
- SCC – some companies have an employee assistance plan – to offer an APP to assist a person if they are anxious
- SC – we are typically a positive team, but yes, a good idea is to address an issue
- SCC – tracking every student seems like a monumental task
- SC – write in your house colour and your achievement – write in your points – SC has a master list – teacher signature and approve
- Q – SCC – how do you qualify for points?
- SC – if they are part of a club – it will count
- Q – SCC – idea for SC on anti-bullying?
- SC – If they feel comfortable, they could talk to SC about mental health/anti-bullying
- SCC – SC – we think you have done a phenomenal job – thanks for preserving with the idea
- SC – another idea is individual recognition – certificate of recognition – students love certificates – recognition of personal achievement
- SCC – Yes, they like this idea – even if they are not at the top of academic achievement – they can still be recognized for achievements
- SC – had a survey to students – asked them if they wanted to do this –majority was interested – teachers support this, and parents support it – goal is to come back in 20 years and see this still running
- SCC – likes the idea – but staying with the same house colour throughout high school may create more of a team – people always change.
- SC – will talk to the other trustees about this and get back to us at the next SCC – this will create excitement within the school and builds a strong sense of commodity – build spirit days - lunch for a house a competition
- RT – letting the students drive the initiative – will pick the one that is best for students
- SC – will talk to all the execs – and get their feedback



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*****Action: Follow - PHSgovernment on Twitter**

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** 7:37 pm Eva Kyriakides

Mary and Eva attended Regional SCC last night

- Board has a lump sum for board \$40K
- Encouraging schools to pair up and put on a bigger event as a group
- Ask for max \$3K
- Only high school there last night – JCR/Ajax HS – bring on the infinity networks – DBEND, MENSA, put on an event – our schools are diverse – bring together an event on how we are similar in many areas
- Idea is to reach out to the chairs of the other schools
- Get SCC opinion on this
- Criteria is Equity, engagement, innovation, well-being, leadership, success
- SPIN on activities that have been successful in previous years.
- Budget is cut in half
- Doing the proposal in collaboration with another school
- Instead of the ministry being the one who picked – but it's the Parent involvement committee that are going to be making the decisions
- \$3k per proposal –
- RT – this is why the board is interested in collaboration – between 3 high schools – RT loves the idea – with our work on equity – it's a great idea
- PIC numbers are not there right now – but if they don't pair up there will be less money to go around
- KK – cater to every region
- MH – thinks we have a better chance of getting it – bring students and parent together
- Q - SCC – can we team up with Catholic
- RT – no we cannot team up with DCDSB
- SCC –
- Motion forward – reach out and investigate – Karen/Desire - all agreed
- SCC – should we have it at PHS or a community area?
- MH – cost implications
- EK – Ajax High Schools unite – asked RT to reach out
- RT – would like a clear vision on what the proposal is.
- SCC – heard that JCR has a good music program – friendly competition
- KK – draw parents into the building
- SCC/RT -Likes the idea
- RT- process should be a collaborative one – plan together as the 3 schools

2. **TEACHER'S REPORT:** C. Davis

- Chris had to leave – SC & Principal reports covered his items



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3. **PRINCIPALS' REPORT:** Randy Tennant 7:50 pm

Principals' Report - See attached report

- RT – has picture of PHS from the 1950's – he passed it to group – will have it framed for school keepsake
- SCC – comment – have teachers schedule a conversation offline
- RT – talk to high lights - train staff on how to manage a conversation
- SCC – Falby Event has not been rescheduled yet – Cheryl Rock is working on it
- MH – Q- bring your student to work day – is there something in place at PHS – go to class as regular
- KK- children in grade 10 – practice test on Nov. 14 – brochure given out at PT night – ***see attached***
- SCC – BYKTW Day – find out what your child likes

4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**** Meeting Dates for Upcoming School Year:**

- Nov. 27/19
- Feb. 26/20
- Apr. 29/20
- May 27/20

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

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

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8:10 p.m. meeting adjourned by Eva K.
 - ***Motioned by Alex /Karen C.***