

## SCC Meeting – October 19, 2022, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Present:** Eleanor McIntosh (P) Leah Franklin (VP), Michelle DaCamara (VP), Anthony Phelan (VP), Chris Davis (Teacher Representative)

**Absentees:** Leah Franklin (VP), Michelle DaCamara (VP)

Topic	Notes
<b>Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order by Karen Haslam at 6:30p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karen Haslam welcomed all present followed by Eleanor reading the Land Acknowledgement and the Human Rights Statements.</li> </ul>
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	
<p>The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples, and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.</p>	
<b>DDSB Human Rights &amp; Equity Statement</b>	
<p>The Durham District School Board is committed to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive, and free from discrimination while placing Human Rights and Equity at the center.</p>	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were approved by Christine Carmichael and Venkat.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Representative Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Student Government Representatives were introduced – MJ Johnson (Senior Deputy Prime Minister) and Chris (Deputy Junior Prime Minister)</li> <li>The summarized their focus over the school year under the following headings - Student voice/senate/equity/student success</li> </ul>
<b>Teacher Representative Report – Chris Davis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Davis, who is an English and Physical Education teacher is the Teacher representative on the SCC for the 2022/23 school year.</li> <li>Tech dept – now running 3D Printing and Robotics club.</li> <li>South parking lot is of particular concern in the mornings – parents/students should allow for bus drop off in the designated area</li> <li>Assessment evaluation will be a focus for this year</li> <li>A concern was raised as to how to address kids missing/skipping course evaluation when not for major illness etc. Factors that should be considered includes students’ state of readiness. Parents also need to be contacted in instances where there are concerns.</li> <li>A consistent approach needs to be utilized by all teachers across the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Principal’s Report - Eleanor McIntosh</b>	<p><i>Eleanor McIntosh</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-Secondary Information Night and Fair is organized by the Guidance Department with the intention of providing families with information on</li> </ul>

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- the process. The event was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 25 colleges/universities were involved and all grade 12s were present. As a follow up, Application Seminars will also be held.
- Teacher – Caregiver Interviews Oct. 20 (4-7p.m.) and Oct. 24 (12-2p.m.), 5-minute sessions. If more time is required, it is recommended that a separate appointment be scheduled for a more in-depth conversation. Whilst it was a Board decision to have 2 sessions, PHS staff agreed to give extra 1 hour, as typically only 4 hours total.
  - Kiss and Ride Concerns – Administration has met 2 councillors from Town of Ajax, spoke with Lincoln Alexander’s principal and By-Law officers about the issues. Bylaw will be issuing tickets over a fixed period. The school will be issuing a message about appropriate drop off and is also highly recommending that students walk to school, where possible.
  - Bus cancellation– DSTS controls buses – school has no control we however recognize the inconveniences when abruptly cancelled. The main challenge currently is due to driver shortage.
  - Grade 11 students made a presentation to staff as it relates to Indigenous Issue, for example, should stand for land acknowledgement similar to anthem. This will be further assessed and see how to proceed as a school. Currently students have the option of not standing for the anthem (Students’ Rights Policy). This comes on the heels of the mandatory indigenous study starting this year
  - SPONSORSHIP – OPG is sponsoring Robotics club for \$2,500. This club is overseen by Ms. Nair.
  - Academic Honesty Guideline – put off for next meeting

***Anthony Phelon***

- OSSLT Update – The test will be held on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>. Bell times will change for that date. Accommodation is given for all students. This is a test of Grade 9 literacy assessment. PHS has historically had an 88-90% success rate. Prep sessions/tests will be held for 4 weeks in Oct. Additional material can also be found at online. Passing grade is 75%, i.e., 300 out of 400.  
For those with a grade below 270 (IEP needs), instead of re-doing the test, there is the option of the Ontario Literacy Course which provides both a school credit plus the OSSLT pass.
- MARK REPORTING – Mr. Phelon advised that digital Progress Reports will be sent by the school on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> on Parent Portal. Final report card will be issued on February 16, 2023.

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**Chair’s Report –  
Karen Haslam**

- Venkat to send list of corporate sponsors
- Breakfast Program – need to ramp up the existing program to move from facilitating 70 to 200 students. Also want to improve from snack to full breakfast type program. This is currently funded by Durham Children Nutrition Project from which we will seek to get an increase in funding. We will also be reaching out other funders. This program is a necessity as it was observed that kids are not eating in the mornings nor at lunch time given the early school start time and lunch hour.
- We will be reaching out for volunteers to assist with hot breakfast delivery. This topic will be revisited at the November meeting.
- Additional discussion points can be seen in the attachment.

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**Other Business**

- Participating members – student doing well per Chris
- Food drive will be held in response to the growing food insecurity. Dates are Oct 17 – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations can also be made via school cash online. This year’s goal is to collect 4500 pounds of food.

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**Upcoming Meeting  
Dates**

- November 23, 2022 (virtual)
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## **SCC Chair report – October 19, 2022**

Areas the SCC is hoping to focus on in the upcoming year.

### **Interview days**

We are setting up an information table to get parent information to volunteer for our career fair and sponsorship opportunities

### **Career fair January 12, 2023**

This would be tied to the various pathways  
Parents and Guardians needed as presenters  
Former students

### **Financial Literacy Classes**

Teaching our kids about financial responsibility  
Parents needed to support and tie it into curriculum

### **Targeted School Projects (Sponsorships – parents helping with resources)**

Trying to ensure we target the different areas if possible (eg. STEM, ARTS, SPORTS etc.)  
Sound system and lighting for the stage  
Weightroom improvements  
Outdoor classroom  
Track and bleachers  
Robotics Club – resources plus expertise

### **Breakfast program**

Parents with resources to help  
Parents to also volunteer time  
Students can volunteer to get hours

### **Themed SCC Meetings**

Wellness, for example mental health