

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SINCLAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL: MINUTES

Date: Monday February 6th, 2023

Time: 7:00 – 7:48 p.m.

Facilitator: Alison Evanoff, principal

In Attendance: Alison Evanoff, Denise Eccleston, James Cook, Tanja Cleland, Sam Cleland, Ibrahim Rizwi, Siobhan Alexander, K Whalen, Hanvitha Bosigari, Sandra Jaworski, Elizabeth Weldon, Chantel Walker-Hinds, Sheryl Dawkins, Nicola McVeigh, Abdulaziz Mohammed, Gaiterie Budhu, Margaret Ogunkoya, L. Bouthaveth, Funmi Odebode, Michelle Jones, Julian-Lucian Pirau, Gina Waduck, Accountant-Capital Install Guyana, Owen Anderson, I. Nwogu,

Staff Updates

K. Whalen: Tamil Heritage Month (January) and a student club that is VERY well attended 😊; SLC - Sinclair Leadership Camp in Muskoka and will be attending another in May; Arts Department – Performing ‘Clue’ from Marc 1 – 4 (tix on sale soon), also running Valentine Singing Grams!

Empowering Women of Colour – conference for Black female students @ Pine Ridge

Inclusive Student Services – Resource Room 305 from 8:30-4pm, and @lunch

Guidance: Exam workshops held in January; Grade 12s applying for Uni and College; Course choices and selections for next year (starting Feb. 14th in MyBlueprint - deadline is March 2);

Grad Students: community hours submitted, lit test, 30 credits, Grad Photos; Commencement is June 28 at 10:00 at Tribute Communities Centre

Student Update

Sam Cleland: Student Parliament (Co-PM): Arts Council – singing candy grams; Student Parliament Valentine’s Event; Sinclair Brainstorming Club; Leadership Camp; Muslim Student Association sign up room 320 at lunch on Friday; HOSA mock conference

Hanvitha Bosigari: Student Parliament (Co-PM): cultural day – Tamil Heritage Month, Celtic wear day, managing stress while studying

Administrators' Update –

A. Evanoff:

- Semester 2 is underway! Began on Feb. 3rd
- Progress reports will be going out prior to March break
- Hall Passes have been instituted
- Black History Month – food activities going to be offered throughout the month; bell music celebrates Black artists; lunch and learns to discuss topics; games/history celebrating Black culture;
- Report Cards for S1 will be available on Parent Portal on Feb. 16th
- Taking the main doors off the washroom (still private)

J. Cook:

- School Climate and Well Being Survey:

School Climate and Well Being Survey

- Conducted the week of February 13th - 16th
 - Parents, Students, and Staff
 - Students - in class
 - Parents - via School Messenger
- **DDSB Core Priorities:**
 - The well-being and safety of all students and staff is a core priority in the Durham District School Board.
 - Our role is to support the academic, social-emotional and well-being of all students.
 - Every child in the DDSB is valued



- Comparing historical data; Open Jan 9-Feb28
- Boundaries and Consent, Bias Training, inclusion, community and respect
- Leadership classes
- Parent Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWB22-23Par242>

OSSLT – Literacy test

- April 4-5 in homeroom classes for all Grade 10 students, and those grade 11s who were unsuccessful last year
- Preparation – Literacy Carnival; EQAO

Questions?

- Q: Are there Grad Photo retakes? Company is hard to get a hold of!
A: Alison will look into it and contact the concerned parent. (Prestige Photography by Lifetouch)
- Q: During a spare is there a place where kids can work together? Library demands quiet
A: Right now, it is busy in the school because of co-op students being in the school; soon there will be freed up space in the library and in 'locker-bay.'
- Q: For guidance can the kids book themselves, and if the parents have questions do we just email the appropriate counsellor?
A: For guidance: yes, students can go to guidance on lunch, before school, or after school to book an appointment. Parents can reach out to the grade level guidance counsellor via phone or email to ask questions as well.
- Q: Are there less incidents of vaping in the washroom because of Hall Passes?
A: For the first 2 days of Semester 2 admin has seen a difference. There is also training for some student leaders with these topics (vaping, alcohol use). Retired Sergeant (Keith Richards) is coming in to talk with students about these issues as well and to train senior student leaders.
- Discussion: Parent is upset about the main door being taken off the washroom; others feel the idea is a good one due to vaping, and no one is 'trapped' in the space because the voices would be heard; a victim can get out, and privacy is maintained
- Q: Are there any other graduation events/dates/schedule coming out?
A: Grade 12 Google Classroom will have dates; Prom: June 9th Ajax Convention Centre students only,

Next Meeting

Monday, March 6 @ 7pm