

School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute & Adam Scott Intermediate School
November 21, 2023
Location: Adam Scott CVI library and WebEx

Present

Elected council members: Tonya Cowle, Christine Mitchell, Maureen Charlebois, Lauren Fitzsimmons, Susan Hopkins

Students: Kelly M.

School: Laura Doucette, Krista Telford, Jeff St. Thomas, Heather Rielly

Other members: Alison Peek

Regrets: Marsha, Melissa Pollock

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine read land acknowledgement. 	
Review Agenda and Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maureen motions to approve; Tonya seconds. 	Lauren to circulate final minutes to administrators to post online
Student Government Reports	<p>Intermediate - none tonight</p> <p>Secondary - Kelly M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student council retreat occurred in late October to plan the year. Movember and men's mental health initiatives (e.g., staff mustache competition, bake sale) ongoing this month. December will bring celebration of holidays occurring over the winter. Council is taking opportunities to spread kindness and joy throughout the school (e.g., notes of appreciation). Halloween dance was a success. 	
Teacher Reports	<p>Intermediate - Heather Rielly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destreaming coach is working with grade 7 and 8 students to further learning skills in preparation for grade 9 destreamed English classes. <p>Question: why was grade 9 destreamed? Answer: students who enter applied stream are more likely to be from marginalized populations (e.g., lower SES, racialized), and may have more limited opportunities if they start out in applied; they may find more success and options having grade 9 destreamed. It gives students more time to choose a stream.</p>	

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Principal Reports	<p>Intermediate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terry Fox run was at the end of October (community walk). Students have heard presentations from TASS and ASCVI. Flag rugby teams competed at KPREAA. 48 students competed in the Beaver computing challenge. TRACKS presented at the last staff meeting on Indigenous education and coding. Next staff meetings include more ways to weave Indigenous content into curriculum, and equity, diversity, and inclusion. Some staff will receive extra training in math and STEM support. ● Progress reports have been sent home and interviews occurred. ● Elective day was Friday November 24. Students choose from several electives (STEM, robotics, musical theatre, yoga, knitting, cooking, etc). ● Communication is the focus of the 6 Cs this month. ● Spirit days in December are planned with the student council. Also discussions about how to support local charities (e.g., food bank, toiletry drive). ● Question: how has attendance been? Answer: pretty good; a small number of students are having trouble with attendance, and some viruses have led to students being away, but overall good. <p>Secondary - Laura Doucette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Over 400 parents attended the teacher night in mid-October. Grade 9s did 'take your kid to work day' and grade 8s from feeder schools visited that day. ● January 11th evening will welcome grade 8 parents and students to the school for more information on high school. ● Student recognition award assembly last week for honour roll students and students with top grades in each subject by grade. Assembly brochure is available on Edsby. If students missed the assembly they can pick up their award from the office. ● A parent recently provided a presentation on career opportunities in mining for many classes. ● De-streaming coaches are helping grade 9s in science and English. Working on leveled literacy intervention as needed. Coaches will offer additional support for grade 9 students who are failing 2+ classes based on midterm reports. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 female gym classes: school received board funding for self defense classes. Partnership with KSAC for content on consent, etc. ● Remembrance Day assemblies happened on Nov 10. ● Literacy tests for grade 10s who have English this term last week; grade 11s and 12s are re-writing this week. ● School improvement goals: high expectations to all, representation in the classroom. Staff worked on goals and actions at the last PA day. Focus on principles of Indigenous education, and more on the school improvement, at the next PA day. ● Challenging racism presentations coming up with anti-Islamophobia and anti-semitism workshops. Question: is there a way to measure the success of these workshops? Answer: staff check in with students before and after, especially students who are impacted by racism. Working on culturally relevant pedagogy and how to respond to challenging situations. Question: is there any opportunity for family members to receive these kinds of presentations and learning opportunities? Answer: these are the kinds of topics we aim to bring in presenters for Parent Reaching Out events. ● Fill the truck food drive coming up: filling a Central Smith ice cream truck with non-perishable food. ● Professional development is occurring on the use of artificial intelligence. ● Arts night December 7th, starting at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7pm. ● Question: can we have a one-page info letter for the breakfast program so we can look for external support? Answer: Yes. Question: are you noticing a trend of losing more students to alternative programs, or not graduating, than in earlier years? Laura doesn't think so; grad rate is quite high. 	<p>Laura to send out a one-page information letter for the breakfast program so council members can request community support</p> <p>Laura to check success numbers and report back</p>
<p>Items Arising from Previous Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow up to Sexual Health speaker (Jen): working on it. ● Jan. 23 meeting date is inside the secondary exam moratorium. We will skip our January meeting. ● Could we possibly have an Edsby group for improved School Council communication? Laura will look into options. ● PRO Grant application update (Maureen): applications due December 22. Grant topic(s) will hinge on results of parent survey. ● Parent survey: Lauren motions to approve the survey, Alison seconds, carried. Principals will send out a link once Susan makes a final edit. 	<p>Laura will look into the creation of a council Edsby group</p> <p>PRO grant applications due December 22</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question: Did the Intermediate school get its board funding? Answer: \$809 is current amount (\$147 new) in board funding account. 	
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intermediate balance: \$68.96 in School Generated Funds, \$809 in Ministry Funds. ● Secondary balances: \$664.99 in the School Generated Funds, and \$469 in our Ministry Funds 	
Fundraising Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on first fundraising initiative launch – FlipGive: it is raising money for the schools steadily; can the admin continue to promote the link to parents/guardians? ● LLS breakfast program funding request follow up: we could give \$50 from each school to give a bit to the breakfast program? Maureen motions, Lauren seconds, carried. ● Dominos: one in December, and one in April/May? Lauren will find contact information from last year and coordinate with fundraising committee to get a December date. 	<p>School admin to continue to promote FlipGive fundraiser</p> <p>Council to give \$100 total to support breakfast program (\$50 from each school)</p>
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peterborough Regional Council meeting Oct. 17, 2023; a briefing note was circulated. ● KPR's annual virtual parent conference with Dr. Jean Clinton was exceptional and delved into what your teen's behaviour is telling you: that misbehaviour is actually stress-behaviour. Essentially, connect before you correct. The whole presentation is on the KPR website. ● School Council email addresses are no longer valid, so please remove from the school websites, etc. 	<p>Admin please remove council chair email addresses from school websites and wherever else they are posted online</p>
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Tonya, seconded by Susan. Adjourned at 7:43pm.	
Next Meeting	Next meeting: Feb. 20 2024; future meetings: April 16, May 21	