

Balfour Collegiate School Community Council
Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Staff Room/Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

1. Review of last meeting May 24, 2017

2. Chair's report and discussion (Heather)

- Grade 12 awards were presented at grad in June 2017.
- Grade 9, 10, and 11 awards for 2017 were given first day of school September 5, 2017.
- Open house was held on September 18, 2017 (welcomed new families and everyone to the next SCC meeting).
- Still working on the website.

3. Administration's Report (Dale)

- 678 registered students as of today (and more coming in) These numbers include 75 from Shirley Schneider Centre)
- Grade 9 - 155
- Grade 10 - 134
- Grade 11 - 158
- Grade 12 - 231
- Planning to open the Performing Arts Centre at Balfour for Fall 2018.
- Had meeting with facility for top priorities including lighting, air movement, and seating, working on this now.
- Parking lots need to be done, this needs to be addressed asap.
- Science labs---physics and chem. labs have old counters that need to be replaced with tables and chairs/ hopefully this year.
- Shirley Schneider Centre upgrades - they requested walls of the old computer lab be removed and desktops replaced with laptops. Also would like water fountains installed so they can fill water bottles and stop buying water.

4. Treasurer's report and discussion (Derek)

- Reviewed summary for the fiscal year ending June 2017, we are in a deficit.
- We have a target scholarship for year-end including cheques and certificates for 2018. We would like to continue even after the school fees are collected, how can we generate more money to do so? Approaching alumni and businesses for donations. Rachel agreed to contact businesses.

- Discussion on 2 requests for financial funding.
- Accepted request from Ronald Sterling for 5 new welding jackets.
- Derek made the motion. Karen seconded. Agreed.
- Hold on to the 2nd request from Ronaleen Carlson and Anna Hipperson and reevaluate next year.

5. Student's report (Rachel)

- Requesting more trashcans in female washrooms and stalls.
- Students talking about prominent sexist and transphobia amongst students.
- QSA discussion.
- Discussion on students with part time jobs and harassment at the workplace.
- Discussion on mental health issues with students and concerns.
Ideas to help this? Student union?? Important to find a place where students can talk openly. Discussions to have with guidance councilors. May be helpful to post these options/issues on the bulletin board and weekly student announcements.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

At the next meeting we will discuss the school strategic plan.

Meeting ended 8:33 p.m.