**Simcoe Composite School**

**Parent Council Meeting (virtual)**

**Minutes - 29 September 2021**

1. Welcome
   * In attendance: Jennifer Ippolito (Principal), Matthew Malcolm (VP), Regan Karges (Chair), Jason Dale (teacher), Candace Mannen (parent), Sheila Porteous (parent), Elizabeth Wells (student)
   * Minutes from last meeting: approved by Regan, Seconded by Candace.
2. Parent Council Elections
   * Chair: Regan
   * Secretary: Sheila
   * Treasurer: not required
3. Principal’s Report
   * Guidance/front foyer:
     + bar-style tables and chairs set up and plans for shelving units with post-secondary pathways and volunteer opportunities so students have spot to easily access and peruse materials
     + currently no private area for students to meet with community workers (ie. C.A.S., STAR counsellor, social worker, etc.), considering designating space in learning commons
   * Yearbooks for 2020-2021 school year have arrived
   * Water bottles: distributed to all students and staff + new lanyards for staff
   * 1st week:
     + outside assemblies by grade, covering expectations, rules and routines
     + Library and cafeteria currently closed, hoping to open by 2nd quadmester (mid-Nov); need to verify capacity numbers and confirm cleaning protocols (custodians/student volunteers)
   * COVID rules:
     + Masks can be removed outside, still encouraging physical distancing
     + Designated entrances/exits still in effect but inquiring as to whether these need to continue; some flexibility for moving within school to office etc.
     + Washrooms: capacity limits lifted
     + Eating: students can eat lunch in classrooms, hallways or outside
   * Sports:
     + School board has not mandated athletes have to be vaccinated
     + No indoor spectators permitted; outdoor spectators permitted off school property (currently caution tape around back field and cannot use bleachers)
   * Events:
     + Orange Shirt Day (Sept 30th) – moment of silence, wing wall on cafeteria stage with messages on feathers where students will be invited to take pictures; Community walk - quiet, reflective walk around back field led by teachers and admin. Option to donate $2-$10 on School Cashonline to Woodland Cultural Centre.
   * Graduation (virtual):
     + private link to video will be posted on Fri Oct 15th and stay open until Sun Oct 17th
     + Grads will get SCS bag with program, diploma, awards and USB with ceremony video
4. Student’s Council Report: Elizabeth Wells

* Elections: meeting open to all students to learn about positions and then interested students were asked to submit written application; Mr. Dale and the co-prime ministers (Elizabeth Wells and Carson Kitchen) reviewed and assigned positions; total of 14 student council members including 5 Grade 9’s and Resource rep (student from self contained class)
* Grade 9 Day: ½ day of activities planned (team building, painting, water games, trivia, etc.); each Gr 9 homeroom will be a team with Gr 12 leaders. Apple cider donuts and Fair chants as there will be no pep rally for fair this year
* Student fee ($30): Communication sent home to parents explaining fee - this is student council’s budget and funds all extras at school: eg. events like Grade 9 day, holiday activities, trips

1. Chair’s Report
   * Social Media:
     + Facebook: always looking for content and ideas to engage more parents; need pictures of inside of school – requesting from Mr. Lammers
     + Figure out way to post link to parent council meetings so easily accessible
     + Instagram: social media club (Sabregram) run by Mr. Lammers and Mr. Smith to increase SCS presence for both students and community

* Alumni Wall Brick sales:
  + - In grad box last year
    - Mrs. Ippolito will send out ASAP on school messenger
    - Add to social media – Mr. Malcolm will take photo of wall for Regan to post
    - Newspaper article – Mr. Dale/student

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1. Next Meeting: Wednesday November 24, 2021 @ 18:00 hrs