

# MINUTES

## Cameron Heights IB Parent Association (CIBPA) Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2018

Time: 7-8 pm

Room: A202: pool door entrance

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Pam Herbst & Judie Coutts	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Carlo Coi, Eleanor Draper, Elisabeth Mellinger, Joe Lyons, Kevin Draper, Mingliang Bao, Nancy Poulsen, Roberta Harrison, Robin Zhou, Rozina Shaheen, Thirumugam Alagupenmral, Alex Larach	
<b>Guests:</b>		
<b>Faculty Advisor:</b>	Naz Ramzan, Gillian Little Julie Neeb	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Welcome Round table introductions Secretary recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To take minutes at monthly meetings</li></ul>	All: speak with Pam or Judie if interested
<b>2.0</b>	CIBPA Mandate Review Mission and purpose of CIBPA reviewed. Highlights of 2018 Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>350 out of ~700 IB students and parents responded</li><li>Focusing on top 3 common themes for CIBPA to support parents<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>#1 Prepping for university</li><li>#2 What program and which courses to select?</li><li>#3 Support the well-being of the IB students – what school resources and tools are available and how are they accessed?</li></ul></li></ul>	Pam: Send PowerPoint to all parents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlined what CHCI does already</li> <li>• How Survey helped staff review needs of students</li> <li>• Next steps for this year</li> </ul>	
3.0.1	<p><b>Counselling presentation</b></p> <p><b><u>Post-Secondary Application</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Einfo website: For all Ontario University information <a href="http://www.electronicinfo.ca/">http://www.electronicinfo.ca/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Soft deadline to apply: Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018</li> <li>▪ Deadline: Jan 16, 2019</li> <li>▪ Offers: May 29, 2019 is the last day to hear</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Early acceptance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommendation is to wait till all offers are in and then respond. The offer stays till response is required in June. Many schools will offer IB students early acceptance as stats show IB students stay in University.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ OUAC Pin Number provided to Grade 12 students from Guidance office in November</li> <li>○ Top 6 marks are reviewed</li> <li>○ Encourage students to not use WRDSB email- deleted upon graduation</li> <li>○ Make a professional email, i.e. first, last name @_____</li> <li>○ \$150 / 3 program applications to any university, \$50 for each addition application</li> <li>○ Universities will make an alternate offer so no need to apply to same program/ different streams. For example: No need to apply for Mechanical and civil Engineering at one University. Many will offer the other program if requirements have been met.</li> <li>• Ontario college website: <a href="https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/conestoga">https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/conestoga</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deadline: February 1, 2019- some programs are very competitive. Ensure you apply before the date</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ \$95/ 5 applications</li> </ul>	<p>Judie:</p> <p>Attach Post-Secondary Planner Checklist</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to go to website and create an account for student</li> <li>○ Many Colleges provide degree opportunities – may be a consideration for your student</li> <li>● Additional Information Forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required for university applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students should include what they did in high school with a focus to why they will be a welcome addition to the university</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Guidance Page has schedule of Universities visiting Cameron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Running Sept to November</li> <li>○ <a href="https://chc.wrdsb.ca/guidance/university-information/">https://chc.wrdsb.ca/guidance/university-information/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● American / United Kingdom applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please have your student book an appointment with Guidance</li> <li>○ Practice SATs are available in surrounding area in the fall - Grade 11 and Full SATs are offered in Grade 12</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Out of Province applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please have your student book an appointment with Guidance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.0.2	<p><b>Counselling presentation</b></p> <p><b><u>Scholarship Information</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) When should students start looking at scholarships? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As they accumulate special awards, volunteer hours, they are encouraged to keep track of information and begin thinking of how to get scholarships</li> <li>▪ Not all scholarships are simply based on academics</li> <li>▪ Sort through scholarship banks</li> <li>▪ Look on CHCI guidance page for Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid: <a href="https://chc.wrdsb.ca/guidance/scholarships-bursaries-financial-aid/">https://chc.wrdsb.ca/guidance/scholarships-bursaries-financial-aid/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Other places to look for scholarships? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employer scholarships</li> <li>▪ Specific University scholarships</li> <li>▪ Entrance Scholarships: usually an average of 85% and above will qualify</li> <li>▪ OSAP- Apply even if you think you won't get it a loan or grant. You may qualify for a bursary or government fund.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) How to complete a scholarship form?</li> <li>4) Scholarship Nomination Form will help to organize details</li> </ol>	<p>Judie: Attach CHCI scholarship info page</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="http://schools.wrdsb.ca/chc/files/2018/09/SCHOLARSHIP-NOMINATION-APPLICATION-2018-19.pdf">http://schools.wrdsb.ca/chc/files/2018/09/SCHOLARSHIP-NOMINATION-APPLICATION-2018-19.pdf</a></li> <li>▪ Start looking for references in Grade 11, summer of grade 12. This provides the reference enough time to organize thoughts and review any information the student may have.</li> <li>▪ Essay questions are a time for the student to boast about themselves and the school. Not the time to highlight areas to improve.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<p>Where to find IB information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See slide presentation for links to common site that may be useful for parents.</li> </ul>	Judie : see CIBPA presentation
<b>5.0</b>	<p>Final Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Looking for parent and student representation for new WRDSB committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boundary Review. First meeting: Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 4-8 pm, Forest Heights school. Meeting proposed to take place every 2 weeks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Looking for volunteers for Grade 8 IB information night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm Cafeteria</li> <li>○ Pam, Judie, Nancy, Roberta and Robin agreed to help</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Cyber Security Awareness Seminar: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the Cafeteria. This is a Cameron Music Support Association event and they are suggesting a \$10 donation</li> </ul>	All: Connect with Julie Neeb or CIBPA Chairs
<b>6.0</b>	<p>Next meeting date: December 11, 2018. Time: 7-8 pm</p> <p><b>Topic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Information on IB course selections. The nuts and bolts of what your student needs to know and how you can support them</li> <li>▪ Discovering Google Classroom and what it means for parents</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm</b></p>	

### Calendar review:

- a. 1/8/2019 **CIBPA Topic:** IB exams: review of how IB marks, OSSD/ IB marking, IA/ exam schedule
- b. 2/12/2019 **CIBPA Topic:** CAS information night
- c. 3/15/2019 **CIBPA Topic:** Gap Year information
- d. 4/9/ 2019 **CIBPA Topic:** Mindfulness
- e. 5/14/2019 **CIBPA Topic:** TBA

f. 6/11/2019 **CIBPA Topic:** TBA