

# **Minutes**

## **Queensmount School Council September 27, 2017**

**In attendance:** Angie, Laurie, Jenny, Thiru, Subha, Andrea, Rebecca, Melanie, Jon Lencz (Principal), Phillip Sallesky (Vice Principal)

**School Council** is an opportunity to have impact in what happens in the school. Coming together with the school to help meet the goals for Queensmount.

### **What's Happening at the Q**

\***Renovation's** continue. Long and slow due to additional items that sprung up as walls and ceilings were opened. Fire Code Standards have now been updated. The foundation needed reinforcing due to changes in the roof weight. Ever hopeful that they will be done by the start of the next school year, September 2018..

#### **\*School Improvement Team:**

-Trying to develop "What the Q is all about" creating a sense of belonging, to feel proud to go to Queensmount, that this school is fun!

-More spirit days, spirit wear sale (affordable) as soon as school day payment program is up and running. They are looking for ideas to get grades interacting with each other more rather than always separate.

#### **\*Emotional Support** is better provided with the new Wellness Room (Room 7)

-a quiet away place for those who need to get away from the regular classroom due to anxiety, stress, or some other issue they need to be away for a bit.

-they can go to the wellness room for 15 minutes to ride an exercise bike, listen to music, exercise with stretching bands, chrome books with mindfulness apps.

-There is always an adult supervising.

-A short survey is filled out when they enter the room to help start the thinking process on helping them deal with how they are feeling, then after 15 minutes if they still don't feel up to going back to class then they will meet with someone to talk to and after that they may need their parents or guardians to help them.

### **Fund raising**

If there is something to raise funds for we will look at this again. What funds we raise should be spent the same year.

### **Math Night**

This was successful last year. We will probably have the escape room math night again. A school club is being started at the school and the kids will help come up with ideas.

Some teachers have also expressed interest in this as well.

### **School clubs/Teams**

The question was asked as to what clubs there are happening at the school:

- Baseball Club (playing catch)    -Chess Club            -Gay Straight Alliance
- QIC (student leadership team)            -Intermural Sports    -Football Team
- Soccer Team                                    -Basketball            -Wrestling

\*Teacher support and student needs both play a part in clubs happening.

### **WRAPSC (Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils)**

Looking to be in the know at the regional level? Only six meetings a year at Forest Heights on the first Tuesday of the month. This is a group of people who are on school councils at other schools, primary to high school. It is a place to get ideas to bring back to your school. It is also a place where you find out more about WRDSB budgets, decisions, goals and many other things.

Please let Phillip Sallesky know if you would be interested in being Queensmount's WRAPSC rep.

### **2017-2018 Queensmount School Council**

**Chair: Rebecca**

**Secretary: Angie**

**Treasurer: Laurie**

**Safe Caring & Inclusive Schools Parent Representative: Jenny**