**Grand River Collegiate Institute**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

**7:00 pm – Staff Meeting Room**

**Parents Present:**  Kathy Stryker, Sheri Wissmach, Debbie Busko, Sylvia Fiedler, Lea Becker, Marla Brooks, Laurie Tremble, Analy Wong, Natalie Seip

**Staff:** Jim Wooley, Josh Windsor, Sue Hallman-Rose

Jim Wooley called the meeting to order: 7:00pm

1. **Welcome and Introduction** – we went around the room and introduced ourselves
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – no minutes to review – first meeting
3. **School Council Positions for 2018/2019**
* Chair – Kathy Stryker
* Vice-Chair – no volunteers
* Secretary – Sheri Wissmach
* **Chairpersons Report** - No correspondence to share at this point
	+ Kathy encouraged all to sign up to get website emails – get email blasts from Ed Centre, etc.
* **Guidance - S. Hallman-Rose**
	+ Timetabling gone smoothly
	+ Few changes with courses had to be done
	+ Guidance has introduced themselves to all of the Grade 9 students, website has been seen, appointments booked with guidance counsellors, some changes with our Alpha
	+ Fair for Grade 12 – planning starts earlier in most cases. Universities meet in Toronto in a central location. Completed graduation completion earlier this year because sometimes they miss out on the 21 Universities
	+ A Package has been put together for graduating students that contains information for graduation,
		1. four different pathways they can choose, etc.
		2. they have all of the sites, i.e. Job link, useful websites, scholarships and bursaries they can apply too.
		3. Guidance reviews this with each student. Counsellors go through graduates individually and talk about different things coming up
		4. Conestoga College has a fair as well
		5. University meeting in Kitchener at Huron Heights October 3rd
	+ Counselors went to training today
		1. Board is now using BLUEPRINT – students will be using this to help with career choices
* **Principal Report**

A) School Start up and Construction

* + Start up was smooth in terms of getting kids in and out
		1. 3 phases of construction: 1) had to renovate the basement (was sold to French public board – four classes to come to new addition – but the property was sold faster than intended and now eight classes needed a home, a sensory room created again) kids started 1st Monday back. 2) Change out the boiler system – this school has air conditioning, they use to run summer school. Antiquated, doesn’t work well, plan to remove all and put in a new chiller system. Plan to be done by mid-October. There is no heat or air conditioning currently. Pipes all must be corrected as well. Plan to be done in October before cold arrives. 3) the addition itself – bottom floor is classroom for Rosemount students, top floor for science labs. Once converted, science labs now will be new classrooms. Delay because the city wouldn’t approve permits. We have little to no parking, one entrance, a lot more buses, Rosemount special needs students are coordinated now. Working through that – people opposed to change. Students who want to drive – no parking on the property aside from KPL customers. City of Kitchener has not yet ticketed anybody. Students increased garbage across the street.

**B) T**opics of Interest - Any topics PC would like to suggest we discuss at any future meetings? If you have suggestions, please let Kathy, Josh or Jim know

* + 1. Any course fees? - if it’s a requirement for the course than that cost is born by the department– enhancement fee is for those who want to do something different
		2. Turkey Bowl – next Thursday – most of it is after school - GRCI vs Cameron
		3. WRAPSC – Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils is a group that help school councils in the board – meets October 2nd at FHCI – first meeting of the year
		4. PIC – parent involvement committee – met on Tuesday September 25th. Communications department is that each school council will get a GMAIL address and then Parent Council can receive email from WRAPSC and PIC – anyone at the board who wanted to get info to the parents

Projected School Enrollment

* + 2017 down / 2018 up - Jim Wooley predicted 1134 and board predicted us at 1120 and Jim was spot on– we are at 1134. Jim was given a clap.
	+ Rejected 269 Grade 9’s. When you get all of that building i.e. Chicopee hills and Breslau – we will continue to climb rapidly
	+ 100 Grade 8’s coming from Chicopee Hills
	+ Breslau – the influx of kids are currently in Grade 5/6 – so in 3 years…. wow
	+ New development in Breslau
	+ Stanley Park keeps maintaining – they are in a down cycle right now

Good reason for this new addition!

* New Principal effective Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – Josh Windsor will be taking over the principal duties for Jim Wooley while he is gone from October to September 2019. However, He will continue to coach the football team.

Future meeting dates:

November 28, 2018

January 16, 2019

March 6, 2019

May 8, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm