

Clarke Parent Council Meeting Minutes
for Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Silvia Grdovic
Robin Blesse
Trevor Stone
Arnold Mostert
Maya Wade
Claire Stone

Regrets:

Jen Sidlaukas

Call to order at 7:07pm

Approval of last months' minutes by Arnold. Seconded by Claire.

1. Principal Report:

- Quad report available on Edsby
- Mid-quad report Mar 10, 2022
- Quad three ends on April 20, 2022
- 2nd lockdown drill went well
- Clarington Student of Character nomination and selection starting now (for Secondary and Elementary schools)
 - Recipient exemplifies best character traits of Clarke High School
 - Not necessarily best at sports or have highest marks
- Volleyball and badminton are happening now
- EQAO for grade 10 will happen at end of March
 - Non graduating and unsuccessful students will rewrite it
 - Results from test in Fall sent home
- in the new school year all grade 9 core subjects will be distreamed

2. No teacher rep

3. Student Council report from Claire Stone, Student Council PM:

- Review of email sent by Claire
- Candygrams were more successful in February than December with 17 purchased
- Amanda the Panda hidden around school week of Valentine's Day. Slow start to week but more students got involved at the end of the week
- Working on having a mural created in the school. Getting input from students for design
- There will be another spirit week in March leading up to March break

4. Treasury Report:

- There is \$1100 in the treasury
 - \$1000 from the ministry (\$500 times 2 years) and \$100 from the board
- Majority to go towards garden and a portion to graduation if needed
- More fundraising can be done if needed

5. Regional Council Report:

- Technical difficulties prevented Robin from attending
- Meeting minutes are available if anyone interested

- report on what other schools are doing

6. Outdoor garden project:

- Trevor has reached out to vendors to obtain quote on metal sign. Durham College did not work out
- Artwork to be sent to Trevor and Arnold
 - Arnold to convert file in AutoCAD
- Discussion on which crest to be used, size of sign and placement in garden
 - 1/4" to 5/16" thick metal to be used. 2'x3' in size and laser or plasma cut and then powder coated white or yellow.
 - 6' tall and welded onto post that is bolted to base of garden, so it can be removed for repair, if necessary.
- Arnold to plan plant selection around design and location of sign
- The plan is to have everything finalized by the end of April

7. Questions/Comments from parents:

- When will volunteer hours return to 40 hours?
 - Graduating students this year will only require 20 hours
 - Hours will then return to 40
 - Requirements to claim hours have been very flexible to accommodate last two years' challenges

8. Next virtual meeting will be April 28, 2022 at 7pm

- Could be a short virtual meeting in February or March to confirm budget for garden

9. Motion to adjourn meeting by Arnold

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm