

Clarke Parent Council Meeting Minutes
for Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Silvia Grdovic
Robin Blesse
Trevor Stone
Arnold Mostert
Maya Wade
Jen Sidlauskas

Regrets:

Claire Stone

Call to order at 7:05pm

Approval of last months' minutes by Trevor. Seconded by Robin.

1. Principal's Report:

- Final Quad 3 report cards available on Edsby.
- Quad 4 runs from April 21 to June 30, 2022 June 30th is a PA day. Credit completion days to follow end of Quad.
- Fire drill and lockdown drills occurring end of April.
- Sports currently in practice: Track and Field and Ultimate Frisbee.
- Mr Mills available for music/band and currently assisting with Student Council.
- EQAO for grade 10s, non-graduating grade 12s, virtual students and students who were unsuccessful in the Fall took place March 30.
- Quad 4 welcomes Ms Linton for Indigenous Studies and English courses.
- May 6th is a PA day.
- School timetable scheduling for Fall has begun.
- Prom is scheduled for June 3 at the Orono Hall.
- Commencement is scheduled for June 29 at 6:30pm. It will be an outdoor event, weather permitting.
- 2 elearning courses now required for graduation is a Ministry requirement.
 - Concern: families receiving unwanted and unnecessary notifications from schools that administer elearning course.
 - Concern: students that learn better in-person will suffer.
 - Link to opt-out of elearning course can be found at bottom of email sent by School Board.

2. No teacher rep.

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

- March and April had Spirit Week and Easter celebrations respectively. Both went well.
- Future events:
 - Pancake breakfast on May 19th.
 - Decades Spirit Week in May.

4. SCC Executive report:

- No report.
- A former Clarke student and past PM of student council very successful as lead editor of McMaster University newspaper.

5. Regional Council Report:

- No report.
- Meeting minutes are available if anyone interested.
 - report on what other schools are doing.

6. Outdoor garden project:

- Trevor has received a quote of approximately \$2000 for sign, which includes two colour powder coat and post.
 - 1/4" aluminum was recommended as it is lighter and easier to assemble and steel will corrode when any damage to powder coat occurs.
 - It will take approximately 4 weeks to manufacture.
- Approximate cost of plants is \$200.
- Tentative plan to install concrete and post by Trevor and Arnold by end of May then plants are to be planted.
 - Concrete donated by Rona? Sonotube donated by Trevor?
- Sign to be installed before Commencement in June.
- Arnold to send plant selection to Robin for final price from Rekkers.
- Treasury Report:
 - \$100 School council funds.
 - \$1000 School council Ministry funds.
 - \$500 extra school council funds from past fundraisers.
 - \$500 from school budget
 - Total of \$2100 available this year.
 - Arnold to send image of sign to Robin for flyer/promotion to ask for donations from Clarke families and community.
 - This initiative to be completed by end of May.
- Students can help (and get volunteer hours) with planting of gardens.
 - Suggested dates: Evenings of May 25, 26 and 27.

7. Questions/Comments from parents:

- Will there be a school basketball team?
 - Answer: depends on if there are any staff willing to coach it.
- \$10,000 has been put towards gym improvements this year.
- Extra curricular music? This will depend on Mr Mills as having year split into Quadmesters does not allow for much time.
- Next year will go back to Semester format.
- Mr Mills will be teaching at Clarke for the full year.
- No school dances for the remainder of this year but possibly next year.

8. New Business:

- School Council typically helps with Commencement and Graduation reception on Wed, June 29th.
- There are 29 graduating students this year.
- Ms Grdovic will order platters of food and let council know what assistance School Council and parents of non-graduating students can give.

8. Next, and last, virtual meeting will be May 26, 2022 at 7pm

- Date for September meeting will be set, with expectation of it being in person.

9. Motion to adjourn meeting by Arnold.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.