

Clarke Parent Council Meeting Minutes
for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Silvia Grdovic
Robin Blesse
Trevor Stone
Maya Wade
Chris Scott
Claire Stone
Cassandra Pearson
Lisa Heeney

Call to order at 7:06pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting not done.

Last year's council dissolved. Elections followed:

Chair: Chris Scott
Vice Chair: Robin Blesse
Secretary: Maya Wade
Regional Council Rep: Chris Scott
Regional Council Rep alternate: Cassandra Pearson
Student Prime Minister: Claire Stone

School year meeting dates:

It was decided to keep meetings online for the time being. They will continue to take place on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm
Dates as follows: Nov 24/22, Jan 26/23, Feb 23/23, Apr 27/23 and May 25/23

1. Principal's Report:

- Principal is responsible for Clarke and virtual high school with Mike Sutcliffe
 - enrollment for VHS is down
- First three weeks of school have started out well
- Grade 9 welcome BBQ had new students and their parents tour the school, meet teachers and pick up t-shirts
- Back to four course semester system
- Progress reports will be available in October
- October 20 is parent teacher night. It will be in person this year
- Sports, school trips and clubs are returning this year
- Literacy test will take place this Fall, date to be determined, for grade 10 students and students who were unsuccessful last year. It will be online
- EQAO grade 9 math will take place in the Spring
- Grade 9 is destreamed this year

- Community hours has been reinstated back to 40 hours. There is some flexibility on how students can earn those hours

- Students can fill out a special form to claim hours worked at a job, with evidence on how it aided the community

- hours must be submitted before graduation in order to graduate

- hours can be submitted for work done in the summer leading up to grade 9

2. No teacher rep

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

- Claire voted back in as Prime Minister

- Voting to take place for Deputy Prime Minister

- Upcoming events:

- Terry Fox run.

- Orange Shirt Day

4. SCC Executive report:

- No report

5. Regional Council Report:

- No report

6. Questions/Comments from parents:

- What is happening with the cafeteria? Will it reopen?

- Answer: This is up to the school board and Chartwells. Chartwells is in the process of hiring and training people. Once hiring staff and a thorough inspection of the kitchen and facility is done service will resume

- What can be done about the bussing situation?

- Answer: school board is aware of situation; bus company is understaffed and it is out of the school's control

7. New Business:

- Parent teacher night

- Parent volunteers will be needed to set up and man a table to encourage other parents to get involved with parent council

- Trevor and Chris have offered to help at the table

- Silvia will print off flyers

8. Next virtual meeting will be October 27, 2022, at 7pm

9. Motion to adjourn meeting by Chris

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm