

Clarke Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
for Thursday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Silvia Grdovic  
Chris Scott  
Trevor Stone  
Arnold Monstert  
Claire Stone  
Maya Wade  
Cassandra Pearson

Regrets:

Robin Blesse

Call to order at 7:01 pm

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes. Motion to pass minutes: Trevor 1<sup>st</sup>, Maya 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Principal Report:
  - Semester one has concluded, report cards available February 10
  - Grade 8 Parent Information Night was held in December. Thanks to Ms. Elchyson who chaired the organizing team. Students in process of choosing courses for next year.
  - As semester concludes we say goodbye to Mr. Beaumont, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Van Oostveen. We welcome Ms. Boyce (French), Mr. Jackson (Phys Ed, Careers/Civics) and Mr. James (Spec Ed and Resource)
  - Fall OSSLT results are in. Students have received their marks and copies have also been mailed home. Unsuccessful students will have an opportunity to rewrite in Spring
  - Newcastle accommodation consultations have been completed. Thanks to those who attended one or both sessions.
  - In December the roll of shared VP was removed and Mr. Sutcliffe has been transferred to BHS
  
  - Up coming dates:
    - Fri, Jan 27-Thurs, Feb 2: Exams
    - Fri, Feb 3: PA day
    - Mon, Feb 6: First day of classes for Sem 2
    - Thurs, Feb 16: School Council Meeting
    - Mon, Feb 20: Family Day
    - Fri, Mar 10-Fri, Mar 17: March Break
3. No teacher rep
4. Student Council report from Claire Stone, Student Council PM:
  - Winter Semi-Formal: 62 students attended, over one third of the Clarke population
  - Cookie Grams: cookies were baked by Mr. Beaumont's food classes. Students purchased the cookies to have them sent to other students.
  - Spirit Week: took place the week before Christmas. Each day from Mon, Dec 19 to Fri, Dec 23 there was a different theme. Fri, Dec 23 was a snow day so that day was moved to Fri, Jan 13.
  - Student council has only been able to meet up once and are coming up with ideas for the next couple of months.

5. Regional Council Report:

- meeting attended in person by Chris
- Educational Topic
  - Decision making tools and anti-indigenous bias
- Cash online will continue to be echeck as credit is too expensive
- What to do with Newcastle Public School was a large part of the discussion. The idea is that the Pines will have grades 5 and 6 and grades 7 and 8 will move over to Clarke
- Petition address: [change.org/p/please-build-a-new-school-in-Newcastle](https://change.org/p/please-build-a-new-school-in-Newcastle)

6. New Business/Questions/Comments from parents:

- None

6. Next virtual meeting will be February 16, 2023 at 7pm

8. Meeting adjourned by Trevor, seconded by Arnold

Concluded at 7:30pm