



Attendance:

James Allen	X Kimberly Harris – Teacher Rep	X Hu Lu	X
Marc Beaudoin	X Lewis Harthun – IB	X Norine McKee – CB Staff	X
Carla Bonora	X Fahmi Ismaiel	X Annie Nguyen – Student Rep	
Amanda Bradford-Janke	X Trish Johnston	X Neil Rahman – Student Rep	
Rebecca Bromwich	Bozena Janczarski	X Steven Spidell - Principal	X
Lucie Clermont	X Litsa Karamanos	X Don Wang	X
Hui Cong	X Isabelle Lalbin	X Candice Wishnousky	X
Ruth Gallant	X Mary Lebeau	X	
Lei Gong	X Aasha Logan	X	*X Members-at-large

XX Voting members

1. Welcome and Introductions (S. Spidell & C. Bonora/H. Cong)

2. Council Election Update (H. Cong)

- Review of executive positions, voting and non-voting, community rep, OCASC rep

3. Executive Elections (C. Bonora)

- A vote will need to be done as there was impressive interest in participating as a voting member on the council
- S. Spidell will gather bios of interested voting members and post an election before November school council meeting
- Executive will be voted on once the voting members are determined

4. Reports

- **Principal Report and Q&A (S. Spidell)** – see below for summary of discussion
- CB IB program numbers slowly being adjusted as Merivale takes more students each year
- 2 Vice-Principals returning from last year
- Technicians – library and science returning; computer technicians no longer school based – moved to central board position
- Ontario Regulation 274 – provides slightly more flexibility in hiring for staff positions
- Advance received on school year budget (40% of last year’s budget) – rest usually arrives later in the school year
- Some grants have already been received – some are still pending (anticipate them arriving in the next few months)
- Budget carryovers are currently being reviewed – yet to be determined if CB will retain surplus (approx. 5%) from last year
- Improvements completed
 - Atrium furniture has all arrived, but students currently can’t use due to COVID restrictions
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 - Bus loop – temporary resurfacing done this fall – not permanent solution
 - New sign over front door installed this spring
- Improvements pending
 - Redesign parking lot/bus loop next summer
 - Science lab summer 20-21
 - Tennis court – some improvements done but some delayed due
 - Windows -west side summer 20-21
 - New washer and dryer to be delivered (council support and private donation)
- Parent teacher interviews (phone/virtual) – teachers are reaching out to those parents of students who are struggling
- School newsletters – approx. every 7-10 days from Principal
- IB parent info session – Zoom – links on CB calendar and newsletter
- IB application process will be slightly different this year than in past (due to COVID), IB CB information night Wed Nov 18, 7-9pm via Zoom – no links to meeting sent out yet
- Gaps in learning due to COVID school disruption at end of last year are being assessed and addressed at beginning of each octomester by teachers
- Exams for Ontario courses are not taking place this year, IB course exams are still happening this year - as we get closer to date of exams more information will be available
- Field trips – on hold – some forms coming home for walk in neighborhood (e.g., geography), no bus trips, no overnights, etc
- PA days have been moved to different parts of the year (beginning/end), except April 23 will happen as scheduled
- Ottawa-Carleton virtual school has a substantial waiting list (over 200 and all deemed critical) – get in touch with S. Spidell or IB coordinator directly for exceptional circumstances
- Cafeteria remains closed – don't anticipate opening anytime soon – still have active breakfast and snack program in the school in designated rooms, some room to room delivery of snacks as well
- Afternoon remote support sessions for students - working on modifying these as students are not taking advantage of the opportunity as much as hoped
- Class of 2020 commencement – plan still being developed that will equitable for all graduates in the district – information will be provided when available
- Grade 12 university information sessions – virtual assembly emailed to all current grade 12 students – link will be in next school newsletter for parents
- Additional language classes (Mandarin hosted at CB last year) will be coming (virtually) soon – may have enough interest for more levels to be offered – S. Spidell to send out information to parents about options for possible classes in other languages
- Will still have 3 formal report cards this year as well as mark update in April (November, February, June) – all transferred to Ontario University and College application centres – no paper reports cards for November (maybe not February) they will be digital only
- Virtual concerts currently being explored by CB bands
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- School activity fee (voluntary) – used to subsidize student council activities, purchase student planner, subsidize student athletic programs, help students who are in financial need
- Paul Davis resources - https://ocdsb.ca/news/social_networking_and_online_safety_webinar
- At home teaching day – part synchronous and part asynchronous – varies by subject, teacher and grade – should be an opportunity each morning period for synchronous

- **Staff Report (K. Harris)**

- **R. Nakashoji (Head of Student Services)**

- Post-Secondary Application information session has been sent to students by email. There are google meet drop-in Q&A sessions for students this Thursday, Friday, and Monday. A parent info session is coming soon. Details to be sent via newsletter.
 - If students require support with their course work, please contact guidance counsellors, or Student Success (emails are on our website).
 - Check out the guidance section of CB website for virtual resources (virtual college/university visits, guest speakers, etc).
 - For upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews, parents are welcome to make virtual appts./phone calls with Guidance counsellors.

- **L. Houston (Head of Science)**

- During our Fall Food Drive we raised over \$1600 for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard!
 - Thank you to the CB families!

- **Financial Report (D. Wang)**

- Thank you to Don Wang for his years of work on school council, Don is moving on as his last child graduated from CB last spring
 - CIBC banking account – only way to withdraw funds is by cheque signed by 2 signing officers
 - Financial records have been archived on site at CB for each year
 - Bank card can only be used to view account and transactions – not withdraw funds
 - Account is audited by Ministry each year
 - Ontario Ministry Education - \$500 each year, parent donations – main income for school council
 - Parent donations – parents choose community bursary donations given to CB and/or council donation which can use to run activities (e.g., information sessions)
 - At end of year any remaining funds from council parent donations usually donated by school council to CB to support purchasing things school needs, leaving about \$300

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- Link for voluntary school donation in newsletter
- Current bank account balance approx. \$3,300

5. Meeting Schedule for 2020/21 School Year

- October 20,2020
- November 17, 2020
- December 15, 2020
- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021
- March 9, 2021
- "Students Well Being Seminar" 7-9pm – postponed

6. Closing

- Next meeting will be held on November 17, 2020 at 6:00pm
- Meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes prepared by: Amanda Bradford-Janke, Co-Secretary

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