

**Colonel By Secondary School - School Council**  
**Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

*Sumeetu Aggerwal – Co-Treasurer		Valerie Duplessis		*Hanan Muharram	
Loukmane Arzim		*Sue Fu	X	Denise Nap	X
*Marc Beaudoin		Ruth Gallant – Community Rep	X	Annie Nguyen – Student Rep	X
Neil Berro		*Lei Gong – Co-Treasurer	X	*Sladana Popadich	X
*Carla Bonora – Co-Chair	X	Hounaida Abi Haidar		Neil Rahman – Student Rep	X
*Amanda Bradford-Janke - Secretary	X	Lewis Harhun – IB	X	Steven Spidell – Principal	X
*Rebecca Bromwich	X	*Fahmi Ismaiel	X	Mainz Tong	
*Elsy Chakkalalak	X	Ana Carolina Kolozvari	X	Jancey Wallace – Teacher Rep	X
*Lucie Clermont	X	Isabelle Lalbin	X	*Candice Wishnousky	
*Hui Cong – Co-Chair	X	Norine McKee – CB	X	My-Yen Yu	X
Latifa Denna	X	Sarma Merdian	X		
Maxwell Dondo	X			19 Members-at-large	
				*14 Voting members	

**1. Welcome and Introduction – C. Bonora**

**2. Introduction and welcome Superintendent of Instruction Ms. Mary Jane Farrish – C. Bonora**

- Support school administrators to improve student achievement and well-being to ensure district priorities are aligned with Ministry priorities
- Working on template which will be an easier way to see goals and adjustments along the way
- Operational and management pieces are essential in conversations with school leadership – CB discussions have focused on physical upgrades to the school

**3. Q & A – Introductions to the pre-submitted questions – H. Cong – See recorded session.**

- Q: Is there the possibility to pivot to different learning models from octomester model for the 2021/2022 school year when deemed safe by public health?  
 A: There are multiple times within the year where school could pivot into non-semestered model (e.g., between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> octomester for CB - February).
- Q: I prefer that the students do not go back to in-person learning for the rest of this year – they are high school students, they can handle on-line study well to avoid spreading the virus.  
 A: We follow the direction from the Ministry about the opportunities that we make available for in-person learning after the lock-down period. OCDSB dashboard will continue to let community know how schools are doing with respects to numbers within each school. The transmission has come overwhelmingly from community and not from schools. There are several protocols in place to reduce exposure risk within schools. The number of cases associated with CB are low (9 cases for the year to date).
- Q: Do you think that having students online for the year is well balance and good for student mental health?  
 A: Surveys have been conducted with students. Adaptive on-line learning model (not OCV learning) is not a good model for many students and is not an ideal model to have in-person limited – it is not a sound pedagogical model but OCDSB has prioritized student safety. OCDSB wants students back in-person and this was echoed in surveys as well.
- Q: WHO reports indicates that students are safer in school than at home so how is OCDSB balancing student mental health?  
 A: Does not have to be something that is officially diagnosed to be of significant impact.

**Colonel By Secondary School - School Council**  
**Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

---

- Q: What is the plan for Grade 12 graduation?  
A: Schools are starting to engage with own local plans that meet the basic overall principals of prioritizing safety. Still finalizing plans in the OCDSB district – more information to come. CB has reached out to community to gather thoughts from students and gather a wish list. CB waiting to finalize plans to ensure that we are in-step with sister schools and that students are being offered the same experience.
- Q: Will “Grade 13” be implemented due to COVID-19?  
A: There is no ministry directive to add a formal year. But there are discussions that can happen on individual family basis if an additional year or other opportunities makes sense for the student.
- Q: Do you feel that students have been able to meet the learning objectives given the learning models during COVID?  
A: OCDSB has had some success in innovating practice to demonstrate and assess learning. Looking at big ideas and overall expectations of the course and not just fixed opportunities to demonstrate learning. Looking more directly at student voice and identity. There will be an approach and strategy from the Ministry to address the impact of learning during COVID.
- Q: Is there any hope for CB to return to a non-semestered system ASAP?  
A: We are committed to the non-semestered approach and it is supported centrally. We needed a system that would allow for a shift from in-person to virtual (and back again) in the most stable way. We are currently planning for the most stability possible for next year.
- Q: Can you ask OSTA to provide yellow bus service for students living far from CB?  
A: OSTA is having a hard to time hiring enough drivers to fulfill their current routes. The shortage in drivers is a provincial challenge.
- Q: Why are schools putting plans in place to shut down school sports in September?  
A: We are maintaining an approach where we feel we can make adjustments in a positive way. We are hoping that there is an evolution over time that improves opportunities instead of decreases opportunities. There is a possibility of e-sports for the last CB octomester and possibly going forward.
- Q: How are Indigenous perspective being incorporated into the curriculum?  
A: There are very clear commitments that have been made in the published 2020-2023 [Roadmap](#) that has a plan to meet goals in priority areas. There will be an increase in number of courses offered in the District that include the perspectives and knowledge of Indigenous peoples. There are also courses being redesigned to include Indigenous perspective and knowledge. In addition, the Grade 11 English course will be an Indigenous course. There is a strong commitment for engagement and partnership with local Indigenous peoples (e.g., knowledge keepers, Elders). CB moving into formal partnership with local knowledge keeper to act as advisor to school leadership.
- Q: What will school safety protocols look like once students are vaccinated?  
A: There is currently no directive that students will have to be vaccinated to attend school. OCDSB is working with public health to vaccinate students. There is a shared vision with public health to implement sound safety protocols. There will be similar protocols as now in the plan for September but there will be a loosening throughout the year as appropriate.

**4. Approval of April Minutes and May Agenda– H. Cong**

- First: C. Bonora Second: F. Ismaiel

**Colonel By Secondary School - School Council**  
**Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

---

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Principal Report- S. Spidell**

**1. Welcome**

**2. School Operations**

2.1 COVID-19 update

2.2 Chief Custodian Arlene Samaroo – retiring

2.3 Admin Team for 2021-2022 – staying the same as this year

**3. Facilities**

3.1 Track refurbishment – scheduled for this summer

3.2 Progress Pride Flag – flying for month of June at all OCDBS schools

**4. Program and Learning**

4.1 Octo 7 mark-to-date to students and parents - May 21

4.2 Grants received

- Outdoor Education: \$10,575 (new: can be used for equipment)
- French Cultural: \$3,121
- Arts Resources: \$7,783

**5. District and Ministry Updates**

5.1 Destreamed Math (MTH1W) - collaboration with Grade 8 sites

5.2 Grade 11 English (ENG3C→ NBE3C and ENG3U→NBE3U)

**5.3 Staff Report – J. Wallace**

**MUSIC: GREG CROSSETT**

'A Night with the C Flats' virtual style is in the latter stages of production - keep an eye out for that on our [YouTube channel](#) in a week or so. The virtual musical - all the audio has been collected and nearly all of the video (acting and choreography) portions too. We are going to begin the amalgamation of all elements this weekend so our 'performance' should be ready in a couple of weeks. Three students were selected to represent CB in the National Theatre School - DramaFest for schools across Canada. It is a virtual event this year so feel free to look it up and enjoy our students' excellence, as well as work by students from across Canada. Isabella Reyes (performing a piece written by Maelys Wega), Elianna Phillips (performing a piece written by Bella Reyes) and Hannah Marder-Macpherson (performing an original piece)

**SARAH STORY - GUIDANCE**

We are excited to present **iContribute**, a platform for students to connect with local and virtual volunteering opportunities! Finding the right volunteer opportunity is a challenge for many; especially with the pandemic, this difficulty has been greatly amplified. Through partnering with over 30 different non-profits, charities and community associations, iContribute presents both in-person and virtual opportunities which are easily accessible in the form of a mobile app. Some examples of their current partners include the Ottawa Food Bank, the Salvation Army - Bethany Hope Centre, the Council on Aging of Ottawa, MAX Ottawa and many more. This Ottawa-student-founded app is free to download and use. It is available on both the iOS and Android app stores. You can find more information about iContribute [on their website](#) or through [this short introduction video](#). Please feel free to email any questions or feedback to their team at [icontribute.founder@gmail.com](mailto:icontribute.founder@gmail.com).

**Colonel By Secondary School - School Council**  
**Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

---

**DEBATE - ANNE BIGHAM**

Colonel By was ably represented by two debate teams at the French Nationals this past weekend (May 8-9th). Maria Mahfouz and Ally Hamill AND Jasmine Gao and Miriam Abdalla all debated well. We would like to congratulate Jasmine Gao and Miriam Abdalla, who made it all the way to the Semi-Finals (where they lost in a very close match on the topic of the role of the justice system in instances of police brutality). Jasmine should also be commended for finishing as the 10th Best Speaker in the tournament.

**GEOGRAPHY REQUEST - BRIAN BEARD**

Wondering if anyone works for or has a contact at Environment Canada or Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Mr. Beard is looking for weather data that is possibly from the Experimental farm, Greenbelt and other locations from across Ottawa where it will be challenging for students to collect data. Email [brian.beard@ocdsb.ca](mailto:brian.beard@ocdsb.ca).

**5.4 Admin and Support Staff Report – N. McKee**

- No update

**5.5 Student Representatives Report – N. Rahman and A. Nguyen**

- Student council elections being held online with speeches airing on Cougar Vision – results will be available on Friday
- June 4 Fun Friday – to be determined depending on if in-person or virtual

**5.6 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Statement - L. Gong and S. Aggerwal**

- Only expense was \$4 monthly bank fee - \$1215.31 balance

**5.7 PRO grant reimbursement – H. Cong**

- Feedback forms have been submitted to Board – just waiting for reimbursement to be processed

**5.8 OCASC report – M. Yu**

**6. Closing**

- Next meeting: **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm**
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:30 pm
- Minutes prepared by: Amanda Bradford-Janke, Secretary

Amanda Bradford-Janke 18/5/21 20:30

**Comment [1]:** Get link from My-Yen for April