

## **Banting Memorial High School**

### **School Council Meeting**

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**6:00pm**

**Attendance:** Amanda Davidson, Larry Boston, Carolyn Maw, Kam Uppal, Nelson Garcia, Sarah Harris, Juanita Wilson, Natasha LaRocca, Amber Coon, Tom Knowles, Jody Cole, Tammy McMeekin, Holleigh Vella, Deirdre Nodwell, Gabrielle Baguley, Jesse Baguley, Olubusola Sanjo-Bankole, Marnie Jackson (Teacher Rep) Rob Poissant (Principal), Lindsay Watson (Vice-Principal), Liyah Kell (Student Rep)

#### **1. Call Order**

#### **2. Welcome and Introductions:**

- a. Rob Poissant – Principal
- b. Lindsay Watson – Vice Principal
- c. Teacher Rep – Marnie Jackson
- d. Student Rep –

#### **3. Elections for 2023 -2024 School Council**

Chair – Amanda Davidson

Vice-Chair – Larry Boston

Secretary – Carolyn Maw

All positions acclaimed.

Voting Members: Amanda Davidson, Carolyn Maw, Larry Boston, Jody Cole, Amber Coon, Monica Ewles, Tom Knowles, Natasha LaRocca, Deidre Nodwell, Olubusola Sanjo-Bankole, Katherine Bacik

#### **4. Principal's Update**

- Terry Fox September 27<sup>th</sup> during period 2
- Glow Dance September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Orange Shirt Day September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Night of Excellence – November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Lots of teams going in fall – Flag football, Volleyball, Golf, Rugby 7s, Tennis, Badminton, Cross Country, Baseball
- Sr and Jr Leadership Teams, Black Student Alliance, Robotics, Link Crew are also happening
- Football – they are looking into trying to bring this back in the future. The equipment needs to be re-furbished and searching for a community coach
- Newsletters will be put out each month

- Attendance – There is a problem with attendance at Banting. 53% of students miss a month of school or more each year. Goal is to increase attendance, staying in class and avoid walking the hallways. School is asking for parent/guardian support in this.
- Washrooms – VIP/P are checking the washrooms. Vaping and vandalism continue to cause problems. Students caught vaping are suspended for 3 days and face a \$300 fine. Public Health has come to the school to teach about harms of Vaping.
- Assessment Days – There are set days for culminating tasks as follows:

Period 1 – Dec 14	Period 2 – Dec 15	Period 3 – Dec 18	Period 4 – Dec 19
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This will avoid having culminating tasks on the same day. Culminating tasks can be worth up to 30% of the credit. There will also be recovery and improvement days at the end of the semester.

Concerns/Questions raised by parents/guardians:

- Not having exams does not prepare University/College bound students for future. It puts students at a disadvantage who are taking this pathway. ACTION: Parents should contact Superintendent and Parent Involvement Committee to voice concerns.
- Safety Concerns of students running into the road at lunch time and not waiting for the lights ACTION: Admin will remind students of safety concerns
- Emails sent to a few teachers are not being answered promptly or at all
- Trees on East St are blocking view when leaving the parking lot, the trees need to be trimmed back
- Question about the policy on phones – does not seem consistent throughout the school

**5. New Business**

**6. Adjournment – 7:30 pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**