**Parent Council Meeting #1 – September 21st**

1. **Welcome - 6PM**
2. **Introductions**: sign in and put email address for contact purposes
3. **Nominations and Elections**:

* **School Council Chair:**Christine Calder
* **Vice-Chair:**Bonnie Policella
* **Secretary:** Rachel Albrecht

1. **Principal’s Report**

* School Enrolment 958 FTE (we are up and they are still coming, more in Spec Ed & ESL).
* EQAO Grade 9 Math – January and June
* Grade 10 OSSLT – two opportunities to pass this graduation requirement – 1 in the fall and the other in the spring
* Sports are in full swing: boys volleyball, girls basketball, tennis and golf.
* Clubs: Games Club runs at lunch
* Activities: Fun Fridays, Morning Show, assemblies, grade 9 fun day – Wacky Olympics today!
* Camp Celtic Field Trip:  Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 - Mr. Nurse, Mr. Braun and Ms. Hicks taking mostly grade 9s to the camp for hiking, leadership activities, social activities, etc.
* SPIRIT WEEK next week – each day you wear something different
* Orange Shirt Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day; Sept. 29th coming up!
* Progress Reports are issued October 10th  Students walk to their classes and teachers write on the progress report.
* Parent Teacher Interviews October 11th  in person from 4 – 7 PM!
* $500 Parent Engagement Grant: ideas can be emailed to Bonnie DesJardins
* Communication via Edsby: best way to reach me and for communicating with teachers.

1. **Staff Report (Ms. Gabert)**
   * Settling in well
   * Gr. 9's hit the ground running
   * Student council and Admin
   * Yearbook – not available until December
   * Intramurals – Dodgeball
   * Newspaper Club
   * Food – nutrition program – breakfast cereal in the AM

1. **Student Council Report**

* Great to see everyone back
* Orientation Day August 30th
* Wacky Olympics today – games, water, Timbits – re-engage everyone, make them feel welcome
* SPIRIT WEEK next week
* Truth & Reconciliation Day – Sept 29th - ribbons, banner – show our support
* Welcome Back to School assembly – October 6th - participate in activities/games
* Student council is planning on increasing student activity/involvement this year
* Mental Health Committee
* 2 new positions – Minister of Diversity and Spirit – part of our new student council
* Bonding with Kingsville – events are being planned
* Last year we raised $20,000 for Cancer

Here are the following student council positions and students

**Prime Minister:**David Kim

**Deputy Prime Minister:**Christina Neufeld

**Secretary:**Tilly Quenneville

**Minister of Publicity:**Makayla Machado

**Ministers of Technology:**Sammie Staines and Sherra Wilson

**Minister of Finance:**Allie Barnwell

**Minister of Environment:**Abbey Mazzella

**Ministers of the Arts:**Sara Janzen, Sloane Sweet, and Gabi Brown

**Ministers of Athletics:**Kristen Kretschmann, Emily Sawatzky, Dakari Milks, Emery Stapleton, Lisa Driedger and Sara Driedger

1. **New Business:**

* Talk about how to use the parent grant $500 money – explained last year's event – not well attended – no money used as all prizes and food were donated
* Possibility of fridge magnets with school contact info on them
* Grade 12s – when do they apply for university/college - concern about time spent on this – Mr. Gray answered the questions with is Guidance background

1. **Next meeting date:**

* Nov. 16th or 23rd @ 6pm – please let me know which date works best for you via Edsby or email.

1. **Adjournment:  6:45pm**