

### RHS School Council Committee Minutes

Title:	Ridgemont High School Council Meeting November 2021		
Date:	November 7, 2021	Time:	7pm
Location:	Virtual; Zoom	Facilitator :	Cindy Jadayel

Attendance:	Cindy Jadayel; Stephanie Glover; Marty Carr; Dave and Lynn Langner; Katie Lee; Lindsey Barr; Desmond Anuku (Student Council); Derwyn Mok (teacher); Nancy Solange Deans, Shahla Khan-Salter; Eleanor Fast; Rachelle Sintic; Brian Malama; D.Carter; Nicole Gibeau; Nancy Henry, Mariam Hasan,
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Agenda Items & Call to Order
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome &amp; Approval of Minutes for Oct, 2021</li><li>2. Guest Teacher – Mr. Durwin Mok (Business Teacher)</li><li>3. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sintic)</li><li>4. Teachers Report (Bev Melymick)</li><li>5. Student Council Representatives</li><li>6. Chair's Report (Cindy Jadayel &amp; Nancy Deans)</li><li>7. OCASC Report (Nancy D)</li><li>8. Comments / Concerns</li><li>9. Next Meeting confirmation</li></ol>

### 1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes for Oct, 2021

Call to Order at 7:05 PM. Minutes Approved by Lynn and seconded by Stephanie.

### 2. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sintic)

Rachelle spoke of the destreamed math pilot that was underway at the school, on which Vice-Principal Greg Wsynsyksi was implicated in. Two classrooms have been outfitted with whiteboards and a class set of chromebooks. The music teacher, Heather Holmes, is setting up a virtual music club which is well on its way to be set up for next semester. Preparation is underway for the literacy tests. Homework club is up and running. Parent-teacher interviews will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that this Friday is a PD Day.

### 3. Teacher Report (Derwyn Mok for Beverly Melmyick)

Cross-Country was up and running with Marieve Fontaine, and students had taken part in a 10k. The Boys Senior Volleyball team won semi-finals. Student Chat on Thursdays is underway with a focus on student wellness. An Instagram page has been started for Jobs for students. From October 27<sup>th</sup> until December 7<sup>th</sup>, there is a promo for 34% off of Tremblant tickets, instead of \$120 they are \$78. A portion of sales go to support Mr. Smith's Outdoor Ed program. The promo code was then shared in the Zoom chat.

### 4. Guest Teacher Report (Derwyn Mok)

Mr. Mok gave an update on initiatives from the Business Department. Mr. Collins has written three social justice books, and they are for sale for \$5 each, \$2 will go back to Mr. Collins and \$3 will go towards supporting small businesses. It is hoped that enough will be sold to provide ten small businesses with \$100 each. These are small, local businesses that have supported the school community in the past.

### 5. . Student Council Representative ( Desmond Anuku )

The Student Council representative, Desmond Anuku, provided an update on school activities, including the activities that had taken place as part of Halloween Fest. There will also be a Spirit Week taking place from November 22-26.

### 6. Chair's Report (Cindy Jadayel & Nancy Deans)

The Ottawa Public Library -Greenboro Branch is currently looking for newcomer volunteers for our Newcomer Advisory Group. If any of you know someone that may be interested, please

share this information, Jocelyn Preece asked Cindy to pass it along. This is an opportunity for newcomers to learn about the library, give their feedback on library programs and services, and practice their English. They meet twice a month on Wednesday afternoons 1:30-3pm. (very beneficial as they have given many employment references for previous group members and it is a small commitment position).

The OPH Vaccine Clinic on the 2nd floor of the Greenboro Library is now offering flu shots for those 6 months and older in addition to covid vaccines. Hours of operation are:

Tuesday and Thursday: 1pm to 7pm (closed 3:30-4:30pm)

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10am to 4pm (closed 12-1pm)

OPH vaccine survey for parents of children 5-11: Ottawa Public Health launched a new survey on the COVID-19 vaccines for younger children. They are requesting your input (if you have kids between 5-11), questions like, "how likely are you to have your child who is between 5 and 11 years of age vaccinated for COVID-19?"

OPH vaccine survey link for parents of children ages 5 to 11 years old:

<https://s.opinion.ottawapublichealth.ca/?e=247469&h=DF6CB9FFFEBCBCBD&l=en>

Every school is now offering Free Take-Home Testing Kits (PCR) for staff and students who develop symptoms or who are identified as high-risk due to contacts.

Indigenous Veterans Day was yesterday (Nov 8th) opportunity to learn about and commemorate the stories and contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars and Korean war and Remembrance Day is of course, this Thurs. OCDSB virtual Live streamed Ceremony starting at 10:30 AM this Thursday, Nov 11th, on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REDAEDAGA4k>

There was also discussion at the IB program, which is offered at two sites in the OCDSB- Merivale and Colonel By.

## 7. OCASC Report (Nancy D)

Last meeting occurred on Oct 21, the next meeting is next week Nov. 18th. Other secondary schools are concerned with course cancellations and decrease in sections. Equity in courses due to enrolment is a concern. Some students are not getting all the credits or courses they need to graduate in rural areas and the Arts in particular has taken a big hit and is impacting all students with so many courses cancelled.

Also that OCASC formed a sub-committee to look at parent involvement in committees across the board to advocate for more parent voice where decisions are made.

Board is asking for input on the Appropriate Use of Technology Policy Review: We need your help as we look to update our Appropriate Use of Technology policy. Please Complete our Google Form about the appropriate use of Technology by November 30, 2021

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUZwOFubZHH9BYgQiMLwyEPJZP9BAIXYz7aKM9BlxSHR1piQ/viewform> - You can also write to OCASC at [aup.consultation@ocdsb.ca](mailto:aup.consultation@ocdsb.ca)

The Human Rights Policy draft is complete and you can view it on this link.. Nov. 5 was deadline but may still be able to send your thoughts-

<https://ocdsb.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=37753959>

Arts Advisory Committee is seeking members to join the committee

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gGBUshki17vbIcZENKX2bLLaSf2ZztX9mhQGrA7INCY/edit?usp=sharing>

There were a number of delegations at the "Committee Of the Whole" meeting last month asking for faster return to arts programs and extra-curricular programs now that others are starting up (like Sports)

Canterbury HS brought concerns over cancellation of an important Dance program course, looking for reinstatement of course. Larger concern for all arts is that with less courses offered in the arts, the less interest in returning, which means lower enrolment and more cancelations.

Need to keep the bigger picture of arts for students not only as pathways, but for greater well-being.

Most recent update is that wind instruments are allowed indoors, but only as part of a music class, not band or extra-credit, as these add another cohort and this is not acceptable at this time

PIC - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) - OCDSB PIC Webpage:

<https://ocdsb.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=167239> Last PIC meeting was Oct.

13th PIC Meeting agenda and documents

<https://pub-ocdsb.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=83d779e7-d9a3-4f43-9a39-ea30f1cf-d405&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English> - When video reply link is provided we will update.

PRO grant suggestions are welcome, still waiting for more clarification from Ministry about the amount available

SATE - Student Achievement through Equity - program that is looking to reduce barriers and create optimal conditions for learning through intentional and strategic actions grounded in a shared commitment to an anti-racist, anti-oppression, anti-colonial framework, and deliver culturally relevant and responsive teaching that increases student success. They just hired a Family and Community Engagement Coordinator that would assist with creating schools as HUBS and look at ways to engage parents and community more. (Steph) Hulse is one of them, SATE it is new this year - they have asked a number of groups to partner with community agencies including the Alta Vista Community Association

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) will be presenting motion tonight to have a seat at COW (Committee of the Whole) as a non-voting member.

Next PIC meeting is next week Nov. 17th

## **8. Comments/Concerns**

There was some discussion regarding prom. Rachelle will meet with Stephanie and Marty as their girls have been involved on the prom committee. Rachelle is checking with the Board as to the possibility of a school sanctioned event. There will then be another meeting with interested parents as to how to proceed.

## **9. Next Meeting**

Tues Dec 14, 2021 at 7 PM on Zoom