

Port Colborne High School

School Council Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2024

Attendance:

- Ms. McClary – Principal
- Ava de Waard– Student Council Representative
- Kelly Goulding- School Council Chair
- Parents/Guardians: Jennifer Laur, Tricia Dickie, April Wachel, Romeo Brillante, and Keenan Siemens

Welcome and Introductions. Thank you, Mrs. McClary, for providing dinner!

Student Council Report:

- Reviewed past events organized by School Council including Grade 9 Day, dance in October, semi-formal, movie night and several spirit weeks, Santa Claus Parade, Random Acts of Kindness, Valentine's Day candy sale
- Upcoming Events: March Assembly, Sprint Fling, Sprint Movie, Bear Fest, Ski-Trip
- Council looking to promote events. Suggested to post on Facebook and not just Instagram as more parents on Facebook.

Administration Report:

- Ms. McClary shared the number of incoming Grade 9s for next year. Course selections for 2024-25 have concluded
- Post-Secondary Initiatives: start looking at pathway to college/university at the end of grade 10; paying for post secondary applications to remove roadblocks; Guidance will be hosting parent/guardian information nights to students and families regarding funding for post-secondary, grants/OSAP in February and March. We've had our highest post-secondary applications to date as a result
- Implementing literacy strategies for grade 9 students to close gaps and improve reading comprehension
- We also discussed the impacts of empowering senior students as role models i.e. prefect, peer counselor, setting the example.

Looking Ahead:

- Grade 8 Pasta Night received a green light. Mrs. McClary will send a few dates to the group to consider. Will use the next meeting on April 9th as a planning session for this event. The past event has had bike giveaway compliments of Broken Spokes program along with PCHS swag.
- Feeder School Track and Field days. Once we know dates, we can confirm volunteers so there is a school council presence to help with community engagement. The culinary students will be providing a concession stand to raise funds for new equipment in the culinary arts department
- Next meeting: April 9th at 5:30pm