

## Parent Council Meeting (Feb. 5, 2018) - Minutes

SAC Report: Nicole and Heidi

- Love week coming up beginning Feb. 12.
- Semi-Formal will be at the Markham Event Centre on Feb. 23.

Guidance Presentation:

- Specialist High Skills Major available at Bethune (began this year)
- Covered Diploma Requirements and course information available in the CHOICES booklet
- MyBlueprint.ca/TDSB to research course requirements for post-secondary programs and to do course selection for next year

Math Presentation:

- Math mentors are available for extra help for all students during lunch (senior math students)
- After school numeracy support also available
- Brochure was distributed that indicated all math courses available at Bethune.

Principal's Report:

Achievement/Reporting:

- Reminder that parent-teacher interview night is Feb. 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- There is no formal report card that is being sent home; students know what their mark is at this time.
- Students who have 2 or more courses in the 60's – email sent home to parents to let them know and to encourage them to sign up early for parent-teacher interviews.
- All other parents will receive an email on Feb. 8 reminding/inviting them to sign up for interview night.
- Next report card will be sent home on April 12.
- Students in grade 12 courses: current mark has been uploaded to OUAC. They should know their marks, or can check their OUAC page to see that the marks have been uploaded.

2018/2019 School Year:

- Beginning planning for next year.
- School year calendar still needs to be approved by the Ministry.
- Deadline for optional attendance applications was on Friday. We had a record number of applications for grade 9.
- Will not be able to accept all of them. Parent council chairs will be involved in the process of selecting applicants. Will follow TDSB policies with respect to priorities
- Siblings
- Students who are "in area" for a feeder school, but out of area for Bethune.
- TDSB
- Outside TDSB
- Projected enrolment for next year is 1050, which is what our enrolment is now.
- This puts Bethune at 100% capacity, based on the facilities.

#### Summer School:

- Once again, Bethune will be hosting a local summer school program, for Bethune students only.
- 2 week program for grade 8 students attending Bethune for grade 9 (non-credit program)
- Credit programs are not finalized – TBD. Tentatively: Grade 11 Leadership, Grade 11 Math?, OLC, Grade 10 History, Credit Recovery

#### Enhancing Equity Task Force:

- TDSB will be looking at the recommendations from the Enhancing Equity Task force and the response from Director Malloy.
- They will be voting on the recommendations at the next board meeting.
- The Director's response to the recommendations is available on the TDSB's website.
- One recommendation includes having a 3 year schedule to phase out applied level programming for secondary schools and support the majority of students in the academic level.

#### Trustee Manna Wong:

- Looking for more input from parents.
- Extended invitation to reach out any time.
- Wed's board meeting will address the recommendations and Director's response to Equity Task Task Force.

#### Sophia Chan (Gibson Centre)

- Tutoring available evenings at the Gibson Centre for Bethune students.