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***SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE ~ OCASC***  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting Date: April 11, 2013

Meeting Location: Fisher Heights School Library  
250 Holland Avenue, Ottawa

Recorded By: April Boomer, Secretary

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Role</b> (SSC Rep, Council Member, Parent, etc.)
Rong Sun	Lisgar Collegiate	SSC Chair
April Boomer	AY Jackson	SSC Secretary
Nadine Clarke	Canterbury	SSC Past Chair, SSC Rep.
Mike Beavington	Bell High School	OCASC and SSC Rep
Elaine Vininsky	Glebe	SSC Rep
Nicola Hemstock	John McCrae	SSC Rep, SSC Rep on OCASC
Bessie Giovanopoulos	Sir Robert Borden	SSC Communications Officer
Sue Carswell	South Carleton	SSC Vice Chair, SSC Rep on OCASC
Lorna Clark	Hillcrest	SSC Rep
Leo Lin	Lisgar	Parent
<b>GUESTS</b>		
Steve Massey	OCDSB	System Principal, Student Success
Ross Laing	OCENET	International Ed. Coordinator - Ottawa Carleton Ed. Network
Brenda St. Jean	OISP	Senior Executive Officer, Homestay International -Ottawa
Rene Bibaud	OCDSB	Principal, Adult High School
L. Lee	OCDSB	Student rep. on Exit Outcomes, Merivale H.S.
<b>Regrets</b>		
Lauralee	Comeau	School Council Co-chair, Longfields-Davidson
Taz	Mawji	School Council Co-chair, Longfields-Davidson

**MEETING LOCATION**

Fisher Park School Library

**MEETING START**

Meeting Commenced: 7:05pm by Chair, Rong Sun of Lisgar Collegiate  
 Bessie and Rong passed minutes of last meeting.

## **SPEAKER SUMMARY**

### **Exit Outcomes, Rene Bibaud, Principal, Adult High School; L. Lee, Student, Merivale H.S.**

- There is an Ad Hoc Committee and 6 Working Groups creating and studying the Exit Outcomes.
- Round table discussions with various stakeholder groups to create a draft of the Exit Outcomes.
- The goal is to have 90% students achieving their high school diploma
- The Exit Outcomes Survey that has been sent out and can be completed online as collectively in groups or by individuals is due by April 30, 2013 at 4pm.
- They are hoping to have the results of the surveys by June but school councils have not yet been able to meet with their Principals or discussed at the council meetings, the actual timeline would likely be later.
- SSC commented that the April 30 timeline would need to be extended to allow for full participation of school councils and other stakeholders.
- The OCDSB Exit Outcomes brochure was handed out.
- There are 5 Characteristics (Resilient, Adaptable, Globally Aware, Collaborative, Innovative and Creative) and 4 skills (Critical Thinkers, Effective Communicators, Academically Diverse, Digital Fluency).
- Some specific comments on these skills and characteristics would require further discussion.
- SSC recommended that a second draft or a "What we have heard" report be shared after the survey.

### **OCDSB, Steve Massey - System Principal, Student Success**

- Goal is to facilitate success and outcomes for all students through a variety of options (pathways).
- 5 years ago, 1 out of every 3 students were not graduating. Now we have an 85+% graduation rate.
- What used to be, pre-2006, a compulsory in-school age from 6 to 16, after 2006 it is now extended to age 18.
- There are student success teams and a student success lead in schools that determine what supports are needed to keep students in school.
- There are also 31 Student Success Teachers.
- We have 2 kinds of "Risk" Students - "At-Risk" and "In-Risk".
- We have 1 in 5 students affected by mental health issues whether it is themselves, family, or friends.
- The Student Success Teacher can also meet with students who have already left school and can provide educational assistance within the community.
- There are a lot of community resources to help those who have left school to return full time or even occasionally and can earn credits by working co-op placements, etc.
- Specialist High Skills Major Program gives students in grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to take a socialized subject (i.e. Paramedic, Hospitality and Tourism, Transportation, and many more) to which they would receive a red seal on their diploma upon graduation.  
<http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/sec/shsm/Pages/SHSMsectors.aspx>
- There are special Speak Up grants available for students to start groups/clubs/activities that are all student run (only teacher supervised).
- There are various programs and initiatives for students. They can be found by going to the OCDSB website and clicking on the Students link.  
<http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/sec/propathways/Pages/default.aspx>
- [http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/pub/Publications%20%20Updated/OCDSB\\_CareerMap.pdf](http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/pub/Publications%20%20Updated/OCDSB_CareerMap.pdf)

### **OCENET, Ross Laing – International Education Coordinator, OCENET; Brenda St. Jean – Senior Executive Officer, Ottawa Region, Canada Homestay International**

- Usually the International Certificate Program runs 26 trips a year throughout the Board, this year with the labour disruptions there have only been 10 trips.
- The International Certificate Program is a pilot project at six OCDSB schools in Ottawa. Similar program is running in Calgary and is being introduced in Halifax.
- PURPOSE: To recognize and honour students who demonstrate a commitment to being motivated, engaged, and active global citizens.

- Usually schools just recognize a student's academic or athletic abilities and achievements but this program is to give recognition for who the students are and what they do as people.
- English and French courses are NOT included/eligible to obtain a credit. Any other offered language is, incl. sign language and Braille.
- Exchange programs are also included. If a student's family hosts an exchange student they receive a one time credit toward their International Certificate.
- For more information please refer to handouts received at the meeting or this link <http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/int/Pages/ICP.aspx>
- Communications are taking place for postsecondary institutions to recognize this program.
- Presentation is be held to the Ministry of Education for broader implications.

## **OCASC REPORT**

- Financial/Budget discussed – deadline approaching, check <http://www.ocdsb.ca/ab-ocdsb/ob/Pages/CurrentBudget.aspx>.
- **Management of School Council Funds**  
The presentation at OCASC last month was by Michael Carson on the topic of school council funds. That policy which is in the formulating stage is at <http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/AGENDA%20DOCS/2013%20DOCS/March%202013/COW%2019%20Mar%202013/06b%20Report%2013-029%20Management%20of%20School%20Council%20Funds.pdf>

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Sue - Assessment and evaluation of test marks, etc. Parents are confused and brochure was supposed to be done explaining how the marking system works but has yet to be done. Marking understandability and increased awareness as to how this affects the students.
- District Review – Steve Massey was to send info on what schools have been reviewed. Has not sent yet. Rong to check into.
- Nicola shared the anti-bullying pledge t-shirt that the students of John McCrae have received. Photo's taken of the t-shirt and can be submitted to our respective schools. John McCrae also has a great deal of resources on their main website for help/mental health links, etc.  
<http://www.johnmccraess.ocdsb.ca/>
- Nadine announced hat on May 14 at Canterbury they are having a Physical and Wellness Day that will also include Zumba! All are welcome to attend.  
**Canterbury PRO grant event**  
The last item I spoke about was our PRO grant session at Canterbury on Tuesday May 14th at 7:30 "Embracing the Joys of Daily Physical Activity" with Dr. Rebecca Lloyd from Ottawa U. A Zumba dance session will follow the presentation.
- The May meeting will be the elections for next year! A communication message will be sent out to SSC member schools reminding their SSC reps to attend the next meeting

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday May 23, 2013 in the Fisher Park School library

## **MEETING AJOURNED**

9:10pm