

## Secondary School Committee

February 16, 2017

### Attendees

CHAIR John Higgins LISGAR                      SECRETARY Susanne Bowen BELL  
Liane Jelly CANTERBURY                      Nadine Clarke CANTERBURY  
Kerry Anderson GLEBE                      Donna Gannons-Williams EARL OF MARCH  
Mark Tymowski WEST CARLETON  
Kiera Delgity SOUTH CARLETON

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by John

**January 2017 minutes amendment:** Nadine Clarke (Canterbury) added to attendees list

**Agenda:** S-Trip added as discussion item

### Alumni associations

John thinks pursuing/encouraging alumni associations could be something that school councils could get involved with.

### User fees

John got in touch with OCDSB via email and is hoping to bring someone in to speak to SSC.

### Future speakers

1. Education Foundation is willing to come and speak; John suggested combining with OCASC general assembly if we decide to go ahead with speaker. Will consult with Dale to pick a date.
2. Nadine suggested a speaker related to Secondary School Review topics; Susanne suggested holding it as a joint meeting with OCASC as they are long-term topics that affect current elementary students/parents; Donna agreed that elementary parents should be invited; Nadine will invite Superintendent of Instruction Dorothy Baker
3. Nadine suggested speaker on secondary assessment; Susanne will reach out to Secondary assessment committee
4. Nadine suggested Trades and Technology

### Fundraising

Update via email from JOHN MCRAE: no fundraising planned for this year

### Student mental health

1. Student death in the South Carleton community in December 2016 has had ripple effects throughout the school and middle school; no counseling provided at middle school

2. Nadine reported that latest research shows 25% of students suffering from mental health issues
3. Mark reported on P4E mental health speaker Stuart Shankar

### **S-TRIP**

- Liane is looking for information on S-Trip, a company providing trips for students on March Break that is now operating in Ottawa (based in Toronto)
- Susanne referred Liane to recent story on CBC Marketplace website

**Update:** Principal sent out an e-mail and added a paragraph in the monthly newsletter informing parents that this event was not sanctioned by the school and that students were told that they could not discuss or recruit students on school property.

Next meeting is March 23, 2017