

**Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute
School Council
Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date & Time:	Thursday, 15 October 2020	
Meeting Participants:	Parents (as seen on Google meet)	
Bob Scott (Principal)	Stephanie Sambells	Clive Bradshaw
Amie Willoughby (Vice-Principal)	Rodney Flynn	Matei Beu
James Cako (Vice-Principal)	Minh Hieu	Peter Hamtak
Ginette Jones (School Council Chair & parent)	Libby Johnston	Dashrath Prajapati
Julie Reed (Staff Representative)	AA	
Sanya Sareen (Student Representative)	Qanitah Hussain	
Emmett Bradshaw (Student Representative)	Ayisha Muska	

No.	Agenda Item	Summary Notes	Actions
1	Welcome and Introductions	Ginette welcomed attendees to the meeting at 7:00 pm and reviewed agenda	Please email Ginette.jeff@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the minutes or would like to ensure you get notified of upcoming meetings
2	Student Senate Update – Sanya Sareen and Emmett Bradshaw	<p>Sanya and Emmett are co-chairs of the Student Senate and covered the work they're doing with the Senate and all the school groups that are happening this year.</p> <p>Special mention about the yearbook as they are encouraging students to send pictures of themselves taken at home, doing activities, etc... because of the circumstances. Pictures can be emailed to Mr. Osterberg.</p> <p>Encouraging students to get involved and to take part. All the groups are listed on the website and in the special announcement area – just need to make note of the class code for the virtual meetings.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Student Senate - Parent Council Minute</p> </div>	
3	Staff Report – Julie Reed	Julie teaches English and is the Librarian. She compiles the information given to her from the various teachers and groups/clubs and puts it into a report. Copy found below in addition to being posted on the school website.	

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4	Principal's Report – Bob Scott	<p>Bob shared that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School renovations: happened this summer. • Getting ready for September: There was a lot done for teacher prep & training to get ready. Students and staff are doing a great job with following the protocols inside the school, great compliance with mask wearing which is a great start to the school year. • Covid cases: 1st case – involved Public Health and information was shared right away. Affected cohorts are self-isolating. 2nd case – was determined not to have an impact and wasn't related to the first case • 2nd quad semester: information is found on school website and will proceed like the first semester. There's a survey for those who want to make changes for the 2nd quad semester as this will help with the planning, staffing, time tables, etc.. • Grad pick-up: details found at the end of Julie's report of when graduated student can pick up their diplomas, yearbooks, awards, etc.. 	
5	Question & Answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety concern - multiple students are getting in the same vehicle without wearing their masks, usually sighted where the buses are. Asked if it was possible to have teachers out there to remind students to wear their masks on the way home. Bob shared that they have done many announcements and reiterated by teachers in order to educate the students. They can't enforce mask wearing when the students are off the school property. • Yearbooks – there will be an announcement soon that they'll be able to be picked-up • School pictures – there will be NO school pictures this year • Ventilation – PH wanted to know what the school board is doing re ventilation issues and gave the cruise ship (in Japan) as an example where only a few people were originally sick and eventually most of the ship was affected. Bob 	

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		<p>shared that renovations have happened with new filters being put in at the end of August. All classrooms with no windows now have self-contained air filter machines.</p>	<p>Ventilation – Bob and Peter to speak on Monday</p>
6	<p>Feedback on this year's school start-up</p>	<p>Quad semester learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH – grade 9 child - expressed that this learning mode is stressful for parents/kids (in IB program). They are spending many hours navigating the technology (many issues raised), son is on for most of the day with only dinner as down time, quiz every other day, etc... • AA – grade 11 child - is finding that it's a very intense learning curve each week. He's a teacher himself and teaches the subject his son is taking, is spending many hours with him to ensure he's fully understanding the subject matter but wondering how the other parents who don't have his knowledge are doing. No technology issues. Grade 11/12 are important for grades to get into post-secondary so kids are stressed to do well. Quizzes are every other day so prepping for these is constant. Afraid that kids are not going to like the new subjects because it's so much to learn in a short period of time. • KB – grade 11 child – wondering if the technology her son is using is the same as the teachers. They wanted to switch to a complete on-line format but not all courses that he picked are available on-line. Bob suggested to contact the principal or vice-principal for the remote learning • LJ – child is in the IB program and has concerns with the learning process as they are finding that things are moving very quickly (presently taking Math). Daughter was doing well earlier this year but was struggling after lock-down and is now considering pulling her out of the program. Bob shared that IB is a global program and that things in Ontario are a bit different. They are aware of the issues and they are looking at different options (ie tutoring opportunities, changes, etc...) • GJ – grade 10 child – last Spring was a real struggle in our household with many issues (ie technology, dealing with change, etc...) but this year is a great improvement and a good compromise. Finding it better to focus on only two subjects at a time (lucky this semester with one elective and Math), having a 	<p>Quad semester learning – Bob to provide feedback to school board</p>

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		<p>consistent routine with school in the morning and on-line in the afternoon. Had a few tech issues during the first two weeks but they were solved after 2-3 days. The teachers have been helpful. Preferring the weekly tests instead of final exams. Happy household so far.</p>	
7	<p>Plans and topics for future School Council Meetings this year – Ginette Jones</p>	<p>Asked if there were any topics that parents would like to see addressed this year, any ideas can be emailed to Ginette (Ginette.jeff@gmail.com)</p> <p>Ideas considered for other meetings would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having Blueprint (software to choose courses for the following year) explained to parents/kids • Mental health for parents, for teenagers and for parents dealing with teenagers during this time – having a list of resources, video, documentation & possibly a speaker • Officer Nightingale discuss social media and human trafficking - list of resources and documentation, warning signs, video, etc... 	
8	Other Business	None	
9	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm	