



**May 27, 2024**

### **Student Advisory Committee (StAC) Meeting 1**

A group of 18 high school students, widely representing students in our schools, were asked to join HRCE's newly created Student Advisory Committee. The StAC was formed to foster an honest and unbiased channel of communication for students to share their ideas and voice about how HRCE can enhance the student experience. Below are the main takeaways from the first meeting.

#### **Student well-being and engagement:**

- Discussion on the impact of mixed-grade interactions and substance use among students.
- The importance of senior students setting a positive example for juniors was highlighted.
- Concerns about the lack of respect and disruptive behavior in shared spaces like washrooms.
- Expressed a desire for students to have the opportunity to share their opinions on making courses more engaging.

#### **Provincial cell phone policy and social media in schools:**

- The role of technology in classrooms, particularly the use of cell phones, was debated.
- Suggestions included more regulated use of phones in junior high to build better habits for when students get to senior high.
- Concerns were raised by those students who use their phones as health monitoring or focus tools, and how the policy will affect their day.

#### **Curriculum and diversity:**

- The need for a more inclusive and diverse curriculum that reflects the student body's diversity.
- The importance of teaching about various cultures and identities to foster a sense of belonging.
- Identified the opportunity to improve the student experience of transitioning to new levels of education.

#### **Community building:**

- The significance of creating a strong community within schools to support student well-being.
  - Ideas for more clubs and activities that reflect student interests and backgrounds.
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