

Minutes School Council - October 18, 2021 - 7pm

Beginning in a Good Way - Land Acknowledgement - Stewart Todd

Treaties Recognition Week is from November 1-5, 2021

Introductions by Executive Members

Teacher Report - Kelly Demers

York Hills - helping students to understand mental health and mental illness. Making those connections with family and friends. Great response from the students at the conclusion of the presentation.

Sports - cross country, soccer and golf underway with hockey as one of the winter sports that may be added once we have heard back from YRAA. All sports will be posted with dates and tryouts so stay tuned!

Terry Fox Run on October 1, 2021 went extremely well. All Covid Protocols in place for the event. Students did a Great Job!!! The goal was to raise \$500 and the final total raised was \$824.45. Fantastic Job! During the event, there was music being played with each grade/group participants attending in ½ hour intervals with 7 minutes between groups.

KHS Spirit Wear - Student Council

Truly, something for everyone! Great price points and options available so show your “Keswick High School Spirit Wear” available now through the School Cash Online option. It’s a Christmas gift or a surprise? Not to worry - the school cash online has an option button to make it a surprise!

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support>

Literacy Test (OSSLT) - Ashley Lewington

All Grade 10 students across the province write this test. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Eligible for 2021 - 2022 (Introductions to begin late November to early December). The new format is a computer based assessment that comprises two 60 minute sessions containing 33 questions in total. There are 31 questions in multiple choice format and 2 open-response questions.

Who needs to write the OSSLT? Students in Grade 10, 11 and students in Grade 12 who are not yet graduating. Note - Students graduating in 2022 are exempt and will be eligible to graduate without this requirement as per the Ministry of Education due to the pandemic.

New Online Format for the OSSLT - user friendly with features in place to help you be successful. You can try the online versions to familiarize yourself with the format and types of questions that you can expect.

For students with an IEP, there are further accessibility tools, speech to text assist, extra time provided, students can wear headphones as just a few examples depending on the needs of the student and your IEP requirements.

OSSLT Practice Test - Link

<https://d1c1qqn86e6v14.cloudfront.net/#/en/student/osslt-assessment>

Guidance Update - Nicole Wallace, Head of Guidance

Pathway information and opportunities, Scholarships, Potential graduate information, College/University Fair, Applying for Scholarships.

All information is posted on the Guidance google classroom.

Class code: wxmn4sn

We can help!

- 1) Reviewing your child's goals on course selection, how to apply for post-secondary education, helping with bursaries, grants and more.
- 2) Google classroom always has information.
- 3) School website

“Researching is the hardest part but the Most Important”

Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) - Casey Daleman

<https://www.2yrdsb.ca/student-support/family-engagement/parent>.

Engagement Matters - Is the Advisory Committee Newsletter each month with information at a Board Level for school council forums which can be found on the PEAC website.

Please review these two policies that are currently under review until Nov. 1st.”

[Policy#238, Parent, Family and Community Engagement,](#)

[Policy#262, SchoolCouncils](#)

Provide feedback to the Board using this form:

Policy #238 feedback:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaUWnaAU_ncR3RpeKP47_YKo4gWoOFt511hbKuGddGxcAddA/viewform

Policy #262 feedback:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqsQDEjyS8NoF-PJy2ILQ71fEZx4C3Ty0YJHC_DbQ8u2EZ07g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Future Council Meeting Dates and Topics of Discussion

February 28, 2021 - 7:00pm - SHSM (Specialized High Skills Majors)

Ministry of Education programs will be a topic of discussion. To learn more, please visit;
www.yrdsb.ca/school/keswick.hs/deptprograms/specialized/pages/default.aspx