



## Langstaff Secondary School

### School Council Meeting

Date: Monday, May 16, 2022, 7:00pm

#### Attendees

Sheri Epstein  
Marianne Hamilton  
Kim Dresser  
Rebecca Finlason -Harper  
Lee Ann Carver

#### **PART 1: What's going on for the remainder of the 2021-2022 academic year?**

##### 1) POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Political candidate asked to meet with LSS Parent Council. Not a usual practice. Declined.  
Kim Dresser explained that she was approached with the same request for Charles Howitt PS.

##### 2) GRAD:

91 tickets sold for GRAD.

Needed 120 to break even. There are 125+ graduating.

Next year: Survey Grade 12 students in Feb asking for different food options at different price points.

Kim asked if there is a relief fund. Ms. Epstein has previously operated with the policy of "pay me what you can, and she covers the rest". Reminder that Prom costs include suits, dresses, makeup, parties, transportation, etc.

##### 3) Relay for Life → Langstaff is well know for its participation. Already raised \$13,000

Thurs June 9 → Plan is to do classes for ½ day so everyone finishes at noon. Relay will run from noon to 9pm. If you are not participating, expected to come & watch & support.

##### 4) Starting to timetable for next year

Next year's grade 9 class is larger, with stronger numbers for French Immersion. COVID protocols relaxing will enable more PR and outreach to recruit students next year.

Overall, grade 12s leaving are larger than grade 9s entering. Three teachers have been surplusped. If more retire or move schools, retention may be possible.

5) Sports teams are back  
Soccer, basketball, ultimate frisbee, baseball, track

6) Spirit days: Tye Dye day on Friday May 20.

ICE Challenge to take place soon at LSS → Innovative Creativity and Entrepreneurship  
Y2 coming into facilitate. Develop & propose ideas on enhancing outdoor spaces to promote student learning.

7) EQAO math coming up in June for Grade 9 students

8) Finishes OSSLT – twice through for fall and spring / summer

9) Summer School at Langstaff – registration open – enrollment down this year

10) Construction in August on Front Sidewalks

## **PART 2: Ideas for 2022 – 2023 academic year**

Ms. Epstein remarked that the volume of parent inquiries is LOW. Approximately 10 calls/year. Unsure of the drivers for hands-off culture.

Rebecca suggested the following ideas to build engagement:

#1) Grade 9 welcome night for parents → OCTOBER 2022

#2) Student hosted evening → possibly NOVEMBER 2022

- Students can offer food or cocktails – possibly by the Nutrition Class
- Followed by performances; including poetry readings, band, etc
- Advertise this event at the Grade 9 welcome event

#3) Teacher appreciation tea party → MAY 2023

- Lee Ann asked whether there is a correlation between involved kids & parent engagement – no
- Lee Ann asked if Student Council can attend School Council meetings in 2022 – 2023, possibly after school to encourage student participation – yes, possible to invite Student Council reps

## **PART 3: Long Term Planning**

Open up LSS information sessions to Grade 6 & 7 students, in addition to Grade 8s

## **CLOSING COMMENTS / NEXT STEPS:**

Kim Dresser, Rebecca, Lee Ann to meet Ms. Epstein in **JUNE** to plan for October Grade 9 night.