

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES**  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 7:00 pm  
Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/gcj-jujx-vpt>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Laliberte, Principal  
**Ramona**, Nancy, **Bijal**, Tania (bold is attending PEAC)
  
2. Student Council Report – Jordon and Alina
  - Spirit Week and Fundraiser
  - Variety Show before the Winter Holiday
  - Valentine Day Spirit Day tomorrow--hot chocolate and lollipops
  - Spring Dance in April at the school--cafeteria
  - Spirit Days
  - End of Year Festival rather than carnival
  
3. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone
  - Course Selection Feb 15 - 23. Presentations are running in period 3 classes and are available to review on the [Guidance Website](#)
  - [iLeD](#) Leadership Certificate program, September 2024 pilot
  - Visual Arts---We have obtained a grant and are taking students to the McMichael Art gallery in April for experiential outdoor education and making art with an indigenous artist.
  - Moderns - there is a parent meeting on Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup> in room 2024 from 7-8:30 (latest) pm for the upcoming Moderns trip to Montreal and Quebec. The trip will run from Oct. 10-15, 2024
  - Grade 11/12 Hospitality programs are creating a new business this semester with take-home meals on Fridays. Food will need to be pre-ordered. There will also be options to purchase pickled items. fresh bread and pastries, all pre-ordered. The goal is to also prepare extras for the local food bank. Any donations in the form of baking ingredients are always appreciated.
  
4. Admin Report – Dawn Laliberte / Nadia Bearcroft / Neil Press
  - PA Day
    - focus on Learning Skills and supporting students with organization, time management - explicit teaching and providing tools to staff
      - student calendar

- Google classroom organization
  - organisation of Student Google Drive
  - self and teacher tracking of learning skills
- Black History Month
  - Music before announcements
  - Hip Hop, Love and Basketball brought to you by ACSA - Feb 14
  - -Candy grams with kind hip hop lyrics as well as a basketball game in the gym
  - Assembly - Feb 16 Sean Mauricette public speaker -Looking at black history from a different lens
  - February 27 - Jermain (SDSS graduate) in the library with our phys ed classes, alt ed classes and ACSA
  - February 29- ACSA students going to the Bob Marley movie
  - March 5 - Black Student Career Fair
  - Classroom Lesson--Celebrating Black Excellence
- Waterloo Math Contests
  - 48 Students grades 9 - 11 writing the contests on Feb 28
- Course selections
  - presentations in class
  - importance of choosing courses correctly the first time
  - due February 23
- April 18 - save the date - PEAC Symposium

## 7. Parent Reaching out Grant (PRO Grant) - Social Media and Youth

**Options for Speakers (\$800 per school):** Parents made the decision to go with CTIP. Dawn to make the arrangements for Madison to attend in April. Dawn will follow up with the group to let them know about the specific details.

### **CTIP - Centre for Trauma Informed Practices**

**We're Not So Different After All: 60 Minutes**

This presentation is developed for parents and caregivers to help give them a better understanding of how kids use and perceive Social Media. In this presentation parents and caregivers will gain insight into apps that youth are using that adults may not be aware of as well as some of the ways Social Media can change the way youth perceive themselves and the world around them. It will also highlight that the differences in the human experience between youth and their parents/caregivers is not as great as what many believe. The wants and needs of children and their parents/caregivers (when they

were children) have not changed. It is the adult perspective and thoughtful strategies that need to change in order to strengthen connections with those lost in their handheld devices.

### **Scott Ste Marie**

Parents will gain a deeper understanding of the social media and online landscape. Being 'tech savy' is the first step to knowing what your child's experience is like online and how difficult it can truly be growing up today. Parents will then be provided with tools for effective communication skills to build stronger connections and create an honest dialogue about internet safety, social media and mental health with their children.

- Screen-time Management Tools & Need to Know's For Games & Apps
- Strategies To Communicate Effectively With Your Child About Social Media
- Understanding Digital Trails, Data Mining And Digital Footprints
- Specific Tools To Show Your Child The Impact Of Their Actions Online
- Incredible Materials Provided For Parents To Bring Back With Them

### **Steve Chapelle**

An examination of active privacy laws that protect citizens of Canada and how social networking providers' terms of service necessarily conflict with these protections. In context and detail appropriate for each demographic, all attendees explore the risks and safeguards relating to these topics: Legal minimum user age of 13; providers' terms of service; providers' possession of users' 'private' information; the two types of online content; rationalizations for carelessness and risk-taking; predators' motivations and methods; app permissions, locations services, account settings and passwords.

Parents & caregivers learn: How to recognize a "phishing" email, the dangers of using public WiFi, parental controls' considerations plus messaging privacy options.

### **Paul Davies**

- not available until the fall

Future School Council Meeting Dates:

### **April 16**

#### **Feedback**

- Kids are liking the cafeteria school
- some students reporting that the vaping is getting better
- good overall climate

