

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

In attendance:

Suman Danef, Co-Chair/Secretary	Dawn Laliberte, Principal
Bijal Raymond, Parent	Nadia Bearcroft, Vice Principal
Indu Bains, Parent	Karen Fogleman, Vice Principal
Lisa Williams-Rozario, Parent	Laura Taccone, Teacher Representative
Max Wong, Student Council	

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Laliberte, Principal

- Dawn welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

2. Student Council Report – Max

- The talent show has been rescheduled before March Break due to a snow day, this may provide opportunity for more auditions.
- ESP ran exam de-stress event at lunch – to provide tips and strategies for students and we gave out bananas.
- Best buddies' event on Valentine's – question: how well do you know your friend with prizes, i.e. food / hand out lollipops, fun lunch event.
- There will be a pause on events in January for exams.
- There will be a carnival at the end of the year.
- Prom for grade 12 students.

3. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone

- Grade 8 open house was postponed – 400 people and the event was well attended. There is a large cohort of students for next year – 385 for September.
- Music winter concert had a good turnout.
- Exams begin next Thursday and will run for the following week.
- Planner provided for every course but will look different for each. Exam taking skills are being provided with lots of independent work with support. After exams, there will be a half day to review exam results and get feedback.
- Green Acres has been confirmed for September 15th for next year for grade 9's. Compared to Robin Hood, Green Acres is cheaper.
- Course selection presentations are scheduled for February 9, 10, & 13. We ask that students choose wisely.

- *Question:* My grade 10 student did not get their electives, what can be done for this coming year?
- *Answer:* The priority is for Pathway, courses that are not necessarily required may not be a priority if not enough students request the course and if it does not fit in with the students schedule it may not be possible to provide the elective course. Another issue is that it is difficult to find teachers for some courses such as computer science. If there is significant interest, another option might be on-line courses. Other options could be continuing ed and e-learning day school, night school or summer.

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4. Admin Report – Dawn Laliberte / Nadia Bearcroft / Karen Fogelman

- The cafeteria will finally be opening on January 24th in the new year. The menu and pricing will be provided in the newsletter.
- Grade 9's will be writing the EQAO math test on January 18 and 19.
- The University of Waterloo Math contest will be on February 22nd for grades 9 to 11 and April 4th for grade 12 students for those who wish to participate. This will only boost a student's standing and will not hold anything against them if they do not do well.
- The Waterloo Canadian Computing competition will be held on February 15th.
- End of semester report cards will be coming out and will be available through GAPP accounts. During the first week of the second semester, students will be able to review their exams on an exam review day.
- Timetable change requests for second semester will be frozen on January 20th. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- An International STEM trip is being planned to Japan for March of 2024. This is for grade 11 & 12 students. Those that attend will only miss three days of school. Supervision of the trip will be by 1 to 6 administrators depending on the number of students that will be going. There will be an information night in February and information in the newsletter.
- There will be a School Council Forum at Mulock SS on February 15th. If anyone is interested please let Dawn know as a School Council Forum Registration will need to be filled out.
- The Principal Profile that parents contributed to has been submitted.

5. Fundraising Discussion

- There was a discussion about options for fundraising.
- Donations through cash online - gift cards from businesses - \$25 - business takes \$20, school gets \$5 (minus school cash online fee).
- Auction parking spots for students in front of school for a semester (April thru to June). There was discussion as to how someone could win. Someone could buy as many tickets as they wanted however, they could only win once. Administration would manage the parking spot idea.
- Pizza night at a restaurant with some funds going back to the school.
- Any fundraising dollars would go towards the end of year Carnival which costs about \$6,000. There is a need for stage risers however, the amount needed for this is quite a bit.
- Perhaps there can be some discussion with student council to work out who is doing what – school council vs. student council? It was felt that this would not be necessary and that just sharing information would suffice as any funds raised that could help support the Carnival would be greatly appreciated.
- Another possible fundraising idea is to raffle off better seating for graduation.

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- A note should be added to the newsletter reminding families of the student activity fee – explaining what the fee covers, the carnival.
- The Student Council can look at the sale of SPC cards.
- School Council could consider looking at a pizza night to raise funds however, there may be an issue with this once the cafeteria is functioning?
- As an aside, it would be a good idea to invite the MOBYSS bus to attend the carnival. This would be a good opportunity for education for parents and students of the available service.
- A note should be placed in the newsletter looking for help for School Council to raise funds. A draft will be submitted to Dawn by Indu.
- Separate fundraising events should be scheduled just to see how things go. Perhaps the Pizza night first, then gift cards in April/May (during Patio season).
- Lisa to approach Boston Pizza for the first event - they will provide free dates and then Lisa will loop back to Dawn with a quick turnaround.
- Dawn to check about grad row raffles and if it's permitted.
- Technically, we are not supposed to be soliciting so we need to keep this in mind.

Future School Council Meeting Dates:

- March 23, 2023
- May 15, 2023

Meeting adjourned