

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA
Tuesday, November 21,, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/gcj-jujx-vpt>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Laliberte, Principal
2. Student Council Report – Alina
 - Club Fair--getting kids involved
 - Spirit Day--Freaky Friday (teens/ adults dressed as each other)
 - Grade 8 Day
 - Upcoming--Spirit Week and Daily Fundraisers (profits going towards semi-formal); Variety Show last day before winter holiday (auditions Dec 4-6); Semi Formal planned for late February (suggestion to look into Sleepy Hollow and Rolling Hills and Station Creek, Oakview Terrace)
3. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone
 - Lots of clubs and team successes from Therapy Dogs, Cultural Connectors events, Jr. Boys Volleyball Silver medalists, and OFSSA bound Sr. Boys Volleyball
 - Chess Club will be hosting an in-school tournament in early December.
 - History Department Updates:
 - Remembrance Day Assembly featuring former student and guest speaker Sergeant Michael Foster of the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, “In Flanders Fields” video made by the SDSS Drama Club and the playing of “The Last Post” by trumpeter Sloan Tompkins, a grade 12 student here.
 - Poppy Campaign raised over \$200 for the Legion Branch 459
 - November 22, 2023, Mayor Lovatt will be speaking to period 3 History and Civics students.
 - Math Department Update:
 - 48 students wrote the CIMC and CSMC Waterloo Math Contests. A great turn out for a very difficult contest.
 - Transitions:
 - Take your kids to HS, Nov 1
 - Guidance visits next week
 - Dec. 7th is Grade 8 Open House
 - parent feedback was that last year’s was great

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

- parent teacher night - feedback from the group:
 - 5 minutes is a little short
- midterm reports
- OSSLT - completed today - feedback if there are FTE parents
- cyber attack on the boards systems
- awards night - feedback from parents
 - maybe a reminder to parents that it's upcoming
 - invitations to parents rather than kids
 - hand them something on the stage to help them stop
 - nice that dept. awards were done at same time as honour roll

6. School Council Engagement

- report back regarding School Council Forum
 - sessions on Stress and Wellness, Addressing Racism, Attendance
- how do we get more parents involved
 1. agenda goes out in advance in the bulletin
 2. call for items
 3. clarify that they don't have to be voting members
 4. advertise at Parent-Teacher night and grade 9 day/ night, Grade 8 Night

7. Parent Reaching out Grant (PRO Grant)

- slide deck
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1N5Nidah10FQY4d37yRoqx9AGRKuoX_EG2mzuEqOI3js/edit#slide=id.g100993c2111_0_159
- suggestion to do a proposal for a session on social media

Questions:

1. Is SDSS having a post secondary fair?
 - a. we partnered with Markham District earlier this year (schools join together and different school hosts each year)

Future School Council Meeting Dates:

February 13

April 16