

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA
Monday, September 19, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

In attendance:

Robert Carter, Chair	Dawn Laliberte, Principal
Suman Danef, Co-Chair/Secretary	Nadia Bearcroft, Vice Principal
Indu Bains, Parent	Karen Fogleman, Vice Principal
Shanyn Burnett, Parent	Laura Taccone, Teacher Representative
Jennifer Long, Parent	Max Wong, Student Council
Lori McGrath, Parent	Sloan Tomkins, Student Council
Julia McIntyre, Parent	Bijal Raymond, Parent
Priya Mihevc, Parent	Renee Somerville, Parent
Vimesh Panchal, Parent	Cheryl Warrener, Parent
David Parmer, Parent	Lisa Williams-Rozario, Parent
Maria Philp, Parent	Melanie Wright, Parent

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Laliberte, Principal

- Dawn welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. A round table of introductions were made.

2. Elections – Dawn Laliberte

- Dawn conducted annual elections for the Council and results are as follows:
- Chair – Robert Carter
- Co-Chair/Secretary – Suman Danef

3. Student Council Report – Sloan & Max

- Student Council applications are underway and there are over 80 applications. There are 30 members, but it is an open council with 9 executive roles. The first council meeting will be held on September 30th.
- Club Fair is scheduled during lunch on September 28th.
- First Spirit Day will be on the 29th with a jersey day.

4. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone

- SDSS is participating in The Terry Fox Walk/Run event. On Thursday September 22nd, Period 3 classes will walk to support Terry’s dream of finding a cure for cancer. Please also encourage your students to donate online or bring a Toonie for Terry to contribute to the donation jar that will be set up at the beginning of the route. The goal is to raise \$2000.
- Dance team - meets Wednesdays at lunch in the Drama room.
- Club Fair date noted above – if students wish to start up a new club, they just need a staff advisor and can see Nadia in the office. The club list will be updated and distributed through the weekly newsletter.
- Student Success Updates:
 - Green Acres Day Camp was a great success. This was a new venue, and the school would appreciate feedback. There were over 300 students in attendance.
 - Grade 9 Transitions - students are settling in and can expect a great school year.

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- The Leadership Team is currently working on preparing monthly student led lessons and conversations to support grade 9's as they navigate their first year of high school. These include study skills Q&A's, clubs, teams, etc.
- Peer Tutoring is available. Students in grades 10-12 are available to tutoring in a variety of subjects. Connect early to avoid falling behind. Tutoring is usually scheduled before school or during lunch times. The school does not recommend outside private tutoring due to a lack of vetting.
- Guidance Updates:
 - Requests for timetable changes are now closed. Guidance is working hard to accommodate requests. The goal is to be completed by the end of this week or earlier. Requests for semester two changes are not being considered at this time but students are encouraged to connect with their counsellor after September to finalize their semester 2 timetable change BEFORE semester 2 starts.
 - Grade 12 visits are scheduled for September 28-30th with emphasis on meeting graduation requirements. These visits will be one on one.
 - October 1-2, 2022 - [Virtual Ontario Universities Fair](#), [SAC](#) fair in person
 - Teach Assist App reminder: TA app is not supported by nor created by YRDSB and is often inaccurate. In addition, privacy concerns re: sharing of student number and password continues to be of concern. Please advise your student as to our concerns.
- Music Updates:
 - The music department is up and running full steam. We had a great grade 9 welcome lunch where the music council ran activities and the whole band had lunch together.
 - The senior band will be playing at the Markham Fair on Thursday September 29th.
- Special Education Update:
 - IEPs will be sent home by October 20th. Please read, sign, and return one copy and retain the second copy for your records.
 - Consultation forms are being sent home now to allow for parent and student input. Please return asap so that we can ensure the IEP reflects your child's needs
 - SEA computers: Please be sure to renew your loan agreement form and return to your student's SERT asap.
- Orange Shirt Day September 30 - Student led activities are being organized, students encouraged to participate.
- Phys Ed: happy to be back in action. So far, Sr. Boys Soccer, volleyball, cross country, and field hockey are all under way.
- General: Please reach out to teachers for help. They are there. We recognize gaps and lost skills over the past couple of years. Students are encouraged to reach out to teachers for extra help, questions or concerns and reinforcement. Where to go for help? Teacher, CWYs, Chill Zone, Student Success, Learning Centre.

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

- Staffing & Timetable Report
 - Over 600 timetable change request forms were submitted by students.
 - Since August 30th, there were 40 new student registrations that has contributed to full classrooms. This has affected all grade levels.
 - Additional staffing has been provided and teacher hiring is taking place this week and the shuffling of students will happen over the next few days.
 - We must ensure that we have courses for all pathways including College, Apprenticeship and University programs as a priority.
 - There was a request from parents to ensure that there is more notice in future so that there is awareness that if classes will not be provided, students can select different alternates. Dawn noted this request and will look at this for next year.
- YRDSB is seeking an Audit Committee community volunteer. This person should have an accounting designation. If there is any interest, please contact Dawn Laliberte.
- November 2nd will be Take Your Kids to Work Day for grade 9 students. A great opportunity for job shadowing and we encourage all students to participate.
- Safe Schools assemblies have been held with all grades. Discussions include anti-bullying and other safety issues.
- Fire drill completed and Hold & Secure drill scheduled for October 20th. The Lock Down drill will be schedule shortly as well.
- October 27th – Parent/Teacher interviews can be scheduled through Teach-Assist. A notification will be issued in the newsletter. These interviews will be held in person. Please schedule in a timely basis as times are limited and it gets filled up quickly. If there are concerns however, please reach out and don't wait.
- October 31st – York Region is holding an immunization clinic for students to catch up on outstanding vaccines. This is not for Covid vaccination. Consent forms will need to be filled out in advance. Information should be coming directly from YR Public Health.

6. Other Business

Fundraising Opportunities & Process:

- Pro-Grant funding use from last year communicated – excellent Speaker Series with 9 schools pooling funds and participating.
- Council discussed other opportunities for fund raising such as a pizza day.
- Council requested that teachers/administration pull together a wish list to communicate the needs of the school as soon as possible.
- Other grants to apply for – the school has submitted to the Town for the Legacy Fund and has been denied in the past, however, we will submit again this year. This request is for funding for additional outdoor seating.

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Future Meeting Dates:

- In the past there have been four meetings per year. Council requested that there be additional meetings held this year. Future dates will include November 16th, January 17th, March 23rd, May 15th

7. Q&A

- **Q: *Will vending machines be operational?***
A: The school will follow up on the stocking of these machines.
- **Q: *When will the cafeteria be operational?***
A: There was a change in service provider so there has been some delay and the date is pending. We will communicate through the newsletter on any updates.
- **Q: *Where is it best to get updates from the school?***
A: It really is dependent on the type of update you are looking for. For example, Guidance has its own page while athletics, art, and music have their own Instagram accounts. We will provide a list of these Instagram accounts in the next newsletter.

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- November 16, 2022
- January 17, 2023
- March 23, 2023
- May 15, 2023

Meeting adjourned