

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/gcj-jujx-vpt>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Laliberte, Principal

2. Student Council Report – Jordon and Alina

- provided update of upcoming activities
- suggestions were given to explore as an outside venue for the school dance

3. Elections – Dawn Laliberte

Officers

- Each council must have a chair/co-chairs.
 - Dawn outlined the position and opened the floor to nominations
 - no nominations at this time

- Candidates for the position of chair/co-chair must be parent/guardian/family members and not employed by the Board.
- Council members elect the executive positions.
Elected executive positions must be outlined in the school council constitution and/or by-laws and may consist of any number of the following: treasurer, minute taker, fundraising committee chair, Active School Travel committee chair, as examples.

[School Council Handbook](#)

4. Teacher Report – L. Taccone

- Grade 9 day (Green Acres) was a success--great student leadership team who were really helpful in organising and running the day
- feedback from grade 9s was predominantly positive saying “repeat the day”
 - parents with grade 9s reported that kids enjoyed the day
- Many staff are sharing that clubs are up and running again. Check last week’s bulletin for a current list of clubs and when/where they run.
- Music Department: Markham Fair Thursday, September 28th @ 12:00 pm, Elementary Jump Start Tuesday, October 10th.
 - discussion about elementary schools that don’t have music programs
- Guidance:
 - Grade 12 Post-Secondary Planning 101 September 26-29th
 - Grade 9 Intro to Guidance visits first week of October
 - October 11 at lunch: How to apply to Ontario colleges in library
 - October 18 at lunch, How to apply to Ontario universities in library
 - Need information? See the Guidance website and follow the instagram account

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 70 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.
- November 1st 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 and Hold and Secure drill completed, lockdown is being held next week
- Interim Report Cards will be going out Oct 17/18
- October 26th – 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.

6. School Council Revised Policy

Share the School Council Policy changes video at your first or second School Council meeting of the year. The video is 8:26 minutes in length. It highlights the roles and responsibilities for the principal and the School Council.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PctgZCDesnE>

- As a follow up to the video, each School Council will be asked to engage in a scan of their current practices and work towards aligning practices with the revised policy going forward.
- Make a copy of the School Council Policy Reflection Activity form and have your Council complete the activity after viewing the video. This activity can be done in small groups, individually or as a whole group.
- As you have made a copy of the form, results would only be shared with the owner of that copied form. Results should then be shared with your Council to inform planning for improved practices and alignment with the revised policy and procedures.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u2R-oYkJpDusf9UuuiPkwry0hbSrxayKpFM4RriztQs/edit>

7. School Council Forum

Monday Oct 23, 5:30 - 8:30

Dennison SS, Newmarket

- if interested in attending, let Dawn know now or by email:
- two members indicated they would like to attend

Future School Council Meeting Dates:

Sept. 26

Nov. 21

February 13

April 16

Discussion and Questions:

1. Will there be an Honour Roll ceremony?
 - Yes--November 16. It will be grade based groupings(10s and then 11/12s) to help the ceremony run smoothly/ timely
2. Is the cafeteria open?
 - Not yet. We will put a message in the bulletin. Also, the Grind is open and now has debit
3. Can we message about parking lot safety?
 - By-Law officers have been here
 - A reminder will go in the parent bulletin
4. Discussion about Fundraising
 - We will outline a fundraising plan with clear goals

Meeting adjourned