

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA

Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 7:00 pm Google meet <https://meet.google.com/xkn-anke-hsn>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Melissa Schmidt, Principal
2. Student Council Report – Julia and Sophie
 - Spring Dance at school April 24
 - Prom May 8 at Angus Glen
3. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone

Science updates

Bio Club did forensic Care lab involving difference between fur and hair and looked at samples of species of animals including possums and a kangaroo next week we are doing DNA fingerprinting

Europe Trip

The Geography and French departments are planning a trip opportunity to visit Europe in 2026. A flyer with details can be found in the parent bulletin. See Miss Falbo or Miss Latford for further information

Guidance and ESP

1. Feb 20- ESP had the Therapy Dogs joined us during lunch
2. Feb 26- after school Grief Workshop by Evergreen Hospice after school staff in the library
3. PEACE (People Everywhere Actually Co-Existing Equally) assembly happening - March 4- Periods 1&2 - 2 grades for each assembly
4. Course selection is now closed- students who would like to make changes, will have the opportunity in March- communication will be sent to parent emails.

History Update

The History Department is participating in the province-wide "Student Vote," which parallels the actual election. All students in History Department classes will have the chance to cast a ballot. Results are reported to the media by the not-for-profit organization "Civix." The next generation of voters therefore has their chance to send a message.

As well, the GSA is currently painting and decorating the windows at the end of the history hallway with symbols of belonging and inclusivity. As the sun streams in from the west in the afternoon, it should have a beautiful effect.

Women in Trades

A teacher will take a small group of grade 9/10 female students on Thursday to the Skilled Trades and Tech Day presented by Skills Ontario at Sheridan College. Students will have an opportunity to explore various trades skills during hand-on activities.

4. Admin Report – Melissa/Neil/Jen

- Black History Month event - Feb 27 buy-in period 3 and 4
- Elections Ontario - Thursday, Feb. 27 in the Library
- Driveways and Parking Lot
 - i. getting very busy especially with snow
 - ii. cars are parked along fire routes and blocking the flow of traffic
 - iii. U - turns and three point turns within the driveway are not safe
 - iv. reached out to the Board for help with directions
 - v. the traffic light at Weldon and Hoover Park backing up some traffic so may close off the southern Hoover Park entrance to create more flow
 - vi. using the arena parking lot to drop off and pick up is an alternative
- 1:1 process - additional computers ordered
 - i. still working towards each student to have their own computer / chromebooks
 - ii. we have many chrome books to support those who do not have access to something of their own
 - iii. getting a new updated Comm Tech computer lab for next year
- Staffing & Timetabling for 2025-2026
 - i. course selection due last Friday - starts the timetabling and staffing process
 - ii. 7 Positions of Responsibility (Department Heads) posted for next year so will see some new staff members
 - iii. will be getting course allocations based on student needs soon, timetabling begins after that in April / May, then June staff assigned to courses
- Safe Schools Assemblies-Wed March 19, 2025
 - i. Have been trying to clear bathrooms and stop the vaping
 - ii. No Frills has shared some issues at lunch which we have been working through with them

- After School Literacy Program - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
 - i. [Registration Link](#) - Due by Friday
 - ii. Will write the OSSLT April 3

5. PRO Grant

- Can apply for up to \$800 for an activity to benefit parents and engage parent voices, especially for those traditionally marginalized

6. Other Business

- Does School Council fundraise for events or to offset prices of events (like Prom) for students?
 - i. No - but we can encourage parents to pay the School Engagement Fee which does go to offset costs for students or can be used to help run different clubs

May 26, 2025