

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA
Monday, May 26, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
Google meet <https://meet.google.com/xkn-anke-hsn>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Melissa Schmidt, Principal
2. Student Council Report – Aleena
 - Music and Athletics banquets coming soon (Music Banquet on Wed) (Athletic Banquet June 12)
 - Drama production June 2 & 4
 - Student Council will look a little different - no general council but formal applications for each role
 - Moving forward with co-presidents next year -
 - Spartan Fest - ticket sales on school cash on line for events until June 2 - as a Board we are moving away from cash so tickets should be bought on line
 - i. Parents can buy tickets for their child or donate to students who are in need
 - ii. bbq, ice cream trucks,
 - iii. tickets for freezies, bracelets, photo booth, raffles (looking for raffle items or gift cards to be donated from the community)
 - iv. Field games, club activities, open mic, Just Dance - are all free

Why are dances not running?

- Semi's are expensive - booking venues are costly
- Not sure why the school dance did not run - we can try again next year
- There is Prom, athletic banquet, music banquet are in Sem 2 so maybe try Sem 1

3. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone
 - Please always check Parent Bulletin

School Council - Teacher Report

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Art Department

- We had 8 winners for the Remembrance Day Legion poster contest. Students will be acknowledged at the Legion in a celebratory manner this Tuesday.

Tamil Association

- The Tamil Students' Association held workshops this past week workshop to remember, reflect, and learn about the Tamil Genocide. As youth, it's our responsibility to learn the truth, to speak out, and to make sure these stories aren't forgotten.

Student Services

- EQAO and Exam Accommodations are being coordinated currently, please check with your child if they have an IEP to ensure they are aware of dates/times and accommodations

Student Success

- Ongoing support available to all students who need extra help
- Planning underway for September 2025 grade 9s
- Spartan Fest, June 5th, welcoming grade 8s for final transition activity of the year.
- Prom and Graduation Shop was a success this year. Closing next week.

Graduation

- Tuesday, June 24th @ 6:30 pm
- In SDSS gymnasium
- Pre-reception starts at 5:00 pm for award winners
- Flowers available for pre-order and limited availability to purchase on site
- Extra tickets are available on a limited basis
- Grad rehearsal/refreshments
- Valedictorian voting under way
- Final push for grade 12 students to submit volunteer hours

Guidance

- Currently working on next year's timetable
- Change your mind about a course? September
- Must accept your post-secondary by June 1st.
- Summer school? Registration opened April 15th. Limited spaces available as hiring is underway.

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4. Admin Report – Melissa/Neil/Jen
 - Parking lot and driveways

- i. Town as made an adjustment at light at Hoover Park and Weldon to allow for more cars to turn left and clear the street for others to get out of the driveway
 - ii. Town will continue to monitor
 - iii. Looking at options to limit the driveway and stop the three point turns in the driveway itself
 - iv. Looking into some entrances being exit only
 - v. Also talking about putting pylons out to clear the way for the busses
- Staffing and timetabling
 - i. Staff were told on the 13th what departments they are in - but still tentative
 - ii. June 4 the timetables will get handed out to teachers and guidance
 - iii. Guidance will then call down students to deal with timetable conflicts
 - iv. We are growing at SDSS but the Board overall is going down in numbers
 - v. Sections are tight and we have had to cut some classes we would have liked to have run
 - vi. Usually everyone who does need a course (or wants a course change) will get it - but sometimes it takes some patience
 - vii. In September we need to prioritise new registrations, those who need graduation requirements, then those who want to change courses
- Senior Assassin - our Grads have been very good about keeping the games out of the school - we are very proud of them
- Vape Detectors - they have been installed
 - i. Main floor bathrooms - only 2 sets per school
 - ii. Turned on about 2 weeks ago
 - iii. We get about 25 - 45 emails a day that they have gone off
 - iv. We then check cameras (as soon as we can) then see who was in the bathroom when the vape detector goes off and have conversations with those we see in there at the time
 - v. We let families know if we see the same child several times
 - vi. We cannot really suspend for being in the bathroom when the detector goes off because we cannot prove who it was
 - vii. But the conversations themselves have been productive

- viii. We (as the administrators) have also been trying to get to the bathrooms between periods to control how many are in the bathroom at one time (no more than six at a time)
- ix. But it also means that the downstairs bathrooms are less used for vaping and therefore “safer” for other students

5. Other Business

- Proposed School Council dates for next year: Sept 15, Nov 17, Feb 18, May 19
- Events for next school year will be updated on the community calendar found on the website this week