

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA
Tuesday, November 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm Google meet
<https://meet.google.com/xkn-anke-hsn>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Laliberte, Principal
2. Student Council Report – Aleena and Sam
We have started weekly Student Council meetings since the start of the year, we have currently held 10 meetings
 - Meetings are on Fridays @ lunch in the library
 - Regular attendance is mandatory for members of council
3. You can keep up with the Spartan Senate via our Instagram **@thespartansenate**
4. We opted out of having our semi-formal this semester at Angus Glen due to low interest and low ticket sales, plans are underway for a school dance next semester!
5. Spirit Week is being held next week, November 25th-November 29th with different themes, fundraisers, and activities!
 - Monday: PJ Day and Hot Chocolate Sales
 - Tuesday: Black and White Day and Cookie Sales via GRIND
 - Wednesday: Jersey Day and Bake Sale
 - Thursday: Throwback Thursday, Candy Raffle, and special GRIND menu item
 - Friday: Spartan Day and Videogame Tournament (Smash Bros)
6. Our annual Variety Show (previously called Talent Show) will be held on December 20th before the winter break
 - Auditions will be held on December 3rd and 4th
7. Teacher Report – Laura Taccone
 - Transitions:
 - Take your kids to HS, Nov 6
 - Guidance and Student Success visits to grade 8s: last week of November

- Gr. 11 Visits: second week of December to talk pathways
- Dec. 5th is Grade 8 Open House
- Course changes for Sem 2 are happening now. Courses are filling up so make sure you make changes now.

Science council updates:

1. Two teams of students are working with Ontario Tech University, building autonomous robots to compete in a competition at Ontario Tech on November 30. So far, they have participated in two workshops with professors and engineering students from Ontario Tech
2. HOSA future health professionals' competition, we have over 50 students signed up for the competition which will take place in the spring. They have already started preparing for this through the biology club and SHSM.
3. The Science council was excited to host STEM challenges for the grade 8 students that attended Take your Grade 8 to High School. This included: building towers, building food protection, designing cup stacking machines, using the skills of observation and communication and an escape room challenge.
4. The biology club participated in a hike through neighbourhood forests and learned how to identify a variety of plant and animal species.

Moderns & Geography Update

- SDSS is looking to host a trip to Europe in the Spring of 2026. We will (hopefully) be visiting Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, and London. This trip will be open to grade 11 & 12 students. The purpose will be to explore language, art, culture, food, and physical geography. The price is TBD (depending on travel dates), but **roughly** around \$5000-\$5500 per person. The dates (give/take 1-2 days) are March 31st to April 9th.

Visual Arts Updates:

- Senior Art show at Latcham Gallery opens Dec 11 7-9pm
- McMichael Art Gallery trip last week was a huge success. The trip was subsidized with an outdoor education grant. Students learned about protecting the land and the water and they were inspired by Christi Belcourt a metis artist. Students created with all natural materials and inks made from berries and plants found in nature.

Tech Update:

- Link to Ronnie Wright, won \$1000 Women in Trades award.
<https://youtu.be/FXeyaUMvRYU>

Remembrance Day Assembly featured:

- a talk from one of our Indigenous students about Indigenous Veterans on Georgina Island
- performances by the School's Senior Sax Quartet
- a tableau performance by the Grade 9 Drama Class
- live performance of the Last Post by a music student

Other Remembrance Day activities included poppy selling/fundraising by Mr. Turpin's students and the Poppy painting and Poppy display with QR codes for learning about veterans' stories by Ms. Eaton and her students.

8. Admin Report – Dawn/Neil/Jen

- parent teacher night - feedback from the group: stay on the assigned schedule if possible - suggest 10 minute interview times - large signage for classroom numbers - remind parents that if that night does not work then contact the teacher for a different time
- awards night - music was excellent - continue showcasing the student work
- midterm reports
 - Nov 11 – Mark Visibility - share marks with gr 11 and 12 students
 - Nov 15 – Marks to OCAS
 - Nov 19 – Marks to OUAC
 - Nov 18-20 – Mark eDistribution
 - Nov 27 – Full Disclosure – last day to drop a class
- OSSLT - Nov 20, 21

5. Principal Profile

The Stouffville District Secondary School Council has developed a principal profile in anticipation of the placement of a new principal in the school.

The ideal candidate will:

- encourage the development of programs that meet the academic, social, and extracurricular needs of young adults;
- be able to communicate expectations clearly to students, staff, and parents;
- be committed and involved in all aspects of school life;
- support all levels of ability;

- be a leader, able to motivate staff and students, and be flexible in approach;
- be able to develop, articulate, and implement a policy on discipline fairly and consistently;
- be willing to promote the best interest of the school to students, staff, the community, and the board;
- network with feeder schools and neighbourhood schools;
- be enthusiastic, caring, and respectful of young people;
- have a sense of humour;
- have a strong academic orientation;
- support and encourage the professional development of staff
- have a strong focus on literacy and numeracy skills;
- be committed to working with local organizations;
- be open to exploring new possibilities for staff, students, parents and community;
- be committed to supporting effective transitions for all students through various approaches including a Grade 9 Day for parents and students;

Submit the above description.

6. 1:1 Program for Sept 2025

- shared the details, benefits, and technology requirements of the program
- plan to roll it out to grade 8 parents night and place it in the bulletin.

February 24, 2025

May 26, 2025