

## **School Council Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023**

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

Vice Principal: Leslie Brophy

Structure of meetings - September, November, January, March, May

### **Student Council Update**

#### **Successful October/November events:**

- Fall fest (food trucks) (band) snacks for sale (games)
- Football games: face paint, snacks, mascot
- Haunted hallway, costume contest, door decorating
- Just had an amazing time at OSLC (Ontario Student leadership conference at the Sheraton in Niagara Falls Sun Nov 5- Nov7. Guest speakers, sharing sessions and opportunities to meet over 2200 students from all over Ontario!

#### **Continuing and Upcoming:**

- Continuing Friday trivia, each period 2 class has the opportunity to participate, winning class gets treats, ultimate winner gets the trophy!
- Plans are in the works for the end of November and December activities...hot chocolate day, PJ/comfy cozy day, Holiday activities. We haven't had a meeting in 2 weeks and will meet tomorrow (Tuesday, Nov 14) to come up with concrete plans.
- Semi Formal: Wednesday Feb 28 5-9 pm Club Roma more details to follow
- approx price 50-60 dollars

#### **School Council:**

- Ideas for involvement in fundraising to support student council in facilitating school initiatives for all students?
- Question - school dances?

### **School updates:**

#### **Midterm Reports:**

- Will be distributed to students Tuesday, November 14, 2023 (alphabetically - called down to front foyer)
- Any students that are absent/miss the distribution can follow-up with the main office

## Literacy (EQAO-OSSLT) - Fall Write:

- Grade 10 students and previously eligible students will write the test Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (devices permitting). This gives us until Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> when the fall window closes to support any student absences
- Grade 10 classes (first-time eligible) will write with their teachers during their English class period (with extended time if necessary)
- Previously eligible to write in the library same 2-days

## Professional Development Day

- Friday, November 24th
- Literacy & Numeracy Initiatives - focus specifically on Assessment and Evaluation strategies in Literacy and Numeracy in each department

## Final Culminating Activities (FCA)/Exams:

- Below you will find information about our Final Culminating Activity (FCA) Days - these days are designed to allow students the opportunity to consolidate their learning and work toward improving their achievement through final culminating activities which may include a written exam, performance, interviews, etc., or an opportunity for students to redo a major summative assessment. All FCAs are designed in a manner to suit the nature of the subject, grade level, and course.

Grade	De Streamed or Single Pathway	SSTW	Open	Applied	Academic	Workplace	College	University/Mixed
9	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams					
10	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	10% max Designed for 60 mins in length			
11			<b>OPTIONAL</b> 5% max Designed for 60 mins in length			No Exams	10% max Designed for 60 mins in length	15% max Designed for 90 mins in length
12			<b>OPTIONAL</b> 5% max Designed for 60 mins in length			No Exams	10% max Designed for 60 mins in length	20% max Designed for 90 mins in length

- Expectations for students will vary by course and grade level; certain courses will have final evaluation tasks such as final exams, interviews, portfolio presentations, etc. that students must attend. This information will be shared with the students by their subject teacher and will be clearly indicated in the Final Culminating Activity Days schedule that will be published by the school.
- If the student does not have a scheduled Final Culminating Activity on one of these 5 days (as

outlined in the schedule distributed by the school - January 24th - 29th), all students are able to come in to work with their teacher during that period to consolidate their learning, celebrate their success, and improve their achievement by either completing outstanding work or redoing a major summative assessment from throughout the course. Teachers will be available in the school on all FCA days, even if there is no scheduled final instructional activity for that class, to work with students.

#### **Grade 8 Open House:**

- Tuesday, November 28th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- School council - station in the library? Giving out juice and treats? Information memo/overview of what school council is?

#### **Course Planning:**

- Guidance will be working with all students (per class) during Dec 11th - 21st to support option choices and working through Xello (computer system).
- A verification sheet will be sent home of student's 2024-2025 course choices for discussion and for any changes that might be necessary. Parents will be instructed to sign off on this verification and have it returned to the school.
- This time with classes allows guidance counselors to provide the one-on-one support up front (rather than high numbers of changes later).

#### **Questions**

- Tutoring options for students? Tutorbright is not an option this year.
- Link to homework online help for math through DSBN's website:  
<https://www.dsbn.org/programs-services/mathify/overview>
- Have inquired about tutoring services that might be available (other than private)

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 22nd, 2024 (may be virtual depending on the weather)**