



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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School Council Meeting: February 28, 2022

Microsoft Teams: 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

In attendance: Teri Thompson, Taylyn Bazylewski, Kira McLaren, Marina Cosby, Petronilia Fontes Pereira, Ronnie Mccready, Fehlow, Judy White, Ian Berger

1. Student Council:

- Spirit week in February (14th - 17th)
- Goal is to have different themes/more creative ideas - making it more fun and more inclusive
- Putting things together in the last few months while things open up -i.e., grade wars, pep rallies,
- Semi-formal and prom - plan this as things open up - leaning more towards semi-formal as more inclusive to more students
- Student outreach through social media - trying to increase the presence and involvement of students and parents
- SOS (Simcoe Outreach Society) Raising money through pizza sales to give to Ukraine (food, water, medical)

2. School updates:

- COVID - absences and reporting tool to NRPH
- No longer reporting unless we have 30% absenteeism through illness
- No "working from home/online" option (this was a temporary solution for January while culminating and end-of-semester tasks were being done)
- remote/online school is at capacity - no further enrollments
- March Break - 14th - 18th
- PD Day - Equity and Inclusivity - using appropriate language (modelling), supporting students, pronouns, interrupting bias, etc., (can share student poem)- great feedback from staff

3. Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews:

- Sent home electronically on March 10th - student's emails
- Parent-teacher interviews will be done through a sign-up (communicating through a Google Form) and teachers have 2 weeks to set up phone interviews or virtual online meetings
- Instructions on parent-teacher interview sign-up to follow

4. Athletics:

- Both parents and students allowed to watch
- Masks need to be worn by all spectators
- March 1 parent spectators do not need to be vaccinated to attend

5. Literacy:

- Spring test window - April 5th - 8th
- Written in grade 10 English classes (4 of them this semester)
- Any previously unsuccessful or those grade 11's that missed the first test window will write in the library
- Prep for test happening in grade 10 English classes and in the library for the other students

6. School Cash Online:

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Questions:

1. Where is Grad ceremony?
 - Grad ceremony has been booked at Bethany Community Church
 - June 24th
2. How much are Grad Fees typically?
 - ~\$50 (for cap, gown and part of rental fee for venue)

Next Meeting:

Monday March 28th 6:30

COMFY

I feel comfy in my hoodie

And safe in my room

I'm hoping one day like a flower i will bloom

And be able to leave my room With confidence and pride

I feel more comfortable inside these four walls

Everytime I leave everything is loud like a summer night in niagara falls

It over crowds my brain with all these emotions

I'm trying to put my words too action by going through all of the motions too success

But it's hard to do during these rough teenage years always being put down and pressured by your peers

I think to myself "I have to stay focused, I have to push through it"

But sometimes i break and I just can't do it

It makes me want to quit

But I persevere and move on from the slip

At the end of the day and all of my trips

I go back to my safe place where I unzip my warm hoodie and lay down in my bed

Getting ready to see what's coming up ahead

