

School Council Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

Vice Principal: Leslie Brophy

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

Student Council Update

- Student council is busy planning semi formal Wednesday Feb 28 5:30-9:30 at Club Roma, Tickets on sale until Jan 31 \$65.
 - Tickets will be handed out beginning of semester two
 - Special meals like gluten free? - this will be organized when students pick up their tickets
- Starting to brainstorm semester 2 events
- Spirit weeks have been planned and they're hoping to do some sort of pep rally/school spirit event.
- Ideas for involvement in fundraising to support student council in facilitating school initiatives for all students?

School updates:

Final Culminating Activities (FCA)/Exams:

- Final Culminating Activity (FCA) Days (January 24 - 29th) 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.
- 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 (if they are required to attend on the FCA/exam day)
- Exam review (last 30 minutes of first day of semester 2 - 1:40 - 2:10) - if this is not enough time for some students, they should make arrangements with teachers to meet for additional time to look over their exam/FCA.
- 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.

Reports

- Distributed to students on February 13th, 2024 & also sent home electronically.

Semester two

- Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 first day of semester 2
- Course changes might occur the first 2 weeks of class for any students requesting a change (form online through guidance page on GSS website)

Course Planning:

- Guidance worked with all students during Dec 11th - 21st to support option choices and working through Xello (computer system).
- A verification sheet is found online through school cash online (after reviewing courses online in Xello)
- Are we putting something out there as a last check attachment of course selection? Semester 2 midterm report cards will include a list of their course requests on a separate sheet and an option to make any changes on that form.

Professional Development Day

- Friday, February 16th
- Department and School Goals (Literacy and Numeracy, focused Assessment and Evaluation data, positive school culture)

Vaccination clinic:

- Under The Immunization of School Pupils Act, we are required to enforce suspension if students do not get their vaccinations/immunization records updated.
- Vaccination clinic at Governor Simcoe on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024. This clinic will be held in the gymnasium.
- NRPH continues to hold vaccination clinics with many available appointments
- If you have received vaccines from your doctor, please report the vaccination(s) to Public Health.

Graduation:

This sent home to grade 12 students and families:

Class of 2024 Graduations

DSBN secondary schools are busy planning for the Class of 2024 Graduations. DSBN continues to commit to honouring every student's journey to graduation. This includes celebrating the academic accomplishments, personal excellence, experiences, and individual pathways of each Grade 12 student, as well as honouring traditions such as the principal and valedictorian addresses.

To better accommodate our growing populations and competing needs for venues, DSBN has created a wider window for schools to book their 2024 Graduation Celebrations (May 21st - June 15th). Please be assured

that this shift to earlier Graduations does not limit the ability of schools to grant awards and celebrate excellence. This will, instead, allow more flexibility for both schools and families.

Governor Simcoe's graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at Bethany Community Center at 6:30 p.m. We will start to share more detailed information to Grade 12 students in the next few months including grad fees, graduation summary reports, Grade 12 ceremony breakfast, cap and gowns, tickets for grad ceremony, etc.

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Grad Photos - only order and shipped to home only (not to school) with a \$10 charge. Proofs are kept on file for 2 years, so they don't offer the shipment to the school any longer.

Black History Month:

- Many resources to use at the school level
- Looking at [Black History in Two Minutes](#) - short videos with resources including lessons (different themes that certain departments choose from including freedom & choice, power & privilege, individual & society, etc.,
- Journey to Africville - Organization "I Am Compelled" - documentary with curriculum connections and learning materials available.

Parking Passes:

- Staff and student passes
- Students fill out google form with information (i.e., name, grade, make, model, year, license plate)
- Don't need the dates on it - use sharpie
- No charge for pass, but if it is lost, \$5 for a replacement

Safe & Accepting Schools DSBN webpage:

- <https://www.dsbn.org/safe-accepting-schools/home>

Questions

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4th, 2024 - may do this month's meeting through Microsoft Teams