

## **School Council Meeting: Monday January 30, 2023**

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

In attendance: Cathay Bradley, Stacey Marazzo, Star Sanders, Chantal Buteau, Melissa Vanderlely, Judy white, Ian Benger, Joanne Adams, Julianna Pennings, Matt Pennings, Eric Stewart, Teri Thompson

### **1. Student Council Update**

#### ***Grace Rolston student council rep***

- Semi-Formal
- We have been really focused on semi recently so a lot of our time has gone into planning that as it is coming up in less than a month now. Wednesday Feb 22 at John-Michael's Banquet hall. \$55
- Valentines Spirit Week/ Activities
- Black History Month
- And then we got together in groups to plan semester 2 activities (see groups below):
  1. Media and Outreach: announcements, posters, Instagram Posts, banners, liaison to extracurriculars
  2. Engagement and Spirit: Spirit weeks, trivia, semi, events (food trucks, grade wars, tuck shop)
  3. Student Success and Wellness : wellness activities, exam season destressors, recognition/awareness days
  4. Sports and Arts: Sports tournaments, athletic banquet, athletic/art updates, coffee house

### **2. School updates**

#### **Semester One wrap-up:**

- Final culminating activities/exams completed Tuesday January 31st (period 5)
- Marks are due to the main office Wednesday February 1st & Report card (marks and comments) due to administration by Monday February 6th
- Report card distribution to students - Monday February 13th, 2023
- Exam Review - Wednesday Feb 1st 12:30 - 2:10 p.m. (email sent out to students)

#### **Semester 2 :**

- begins on Thursday February 2nd, 2023

- Guidance will be reaching out to students this week and next that they know require a course change. Guidance will then let students know when they can make an appointment to request a course change.

### **Hall Monitoring:**

- Initiative for month of February
- 2 teachers to monitor halls/washrooms - communication going home this week
- Student voice showed us that there is a concern with inappropriate use of school washrooms. Specifically, some students are congregating in washrooms and engaging in inappropriate activities such as vaping and vandalism. This is making other students feel uncomfortable and unsafe using our washrooms. We know from connecting with our colleagues that this has become an issue province-wide, and is one that we are continuing to address.
- In MSIP classes, surveys will be conducted to gather further voice about how they feel about vaping and congregating in the washrooms.
- Some discussion around student progressive discipline - could we use community service hours that students would engage in around the school after numerous infractions of congregating?

### **Course Selection for 2023/2024:**

- students are to choose their required courses, plus 2 alternate courses, via the Xello program. Course Selections are **due by Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** this year.
- Students have received instructions on how to complete their course selection. All the information students will need is on our website <https://govsimcoe.dsbns.org/>. Look to the **Guidance** top tab and then drop down **Course Selections 2023/2024** or by clicking the following link - [Governor Simcoe - Course Selections 2023/2024](#).

### **New Online Learning Graduation Requirement for current 9, 10 and 11 students:**

- The Ontario Ministry of Education has added a 2 credit fully online learning requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma for students. Current Grade 11 students were recognized as having completed 1 of the required credits, as a result of province-wide school closures, to count towards this graduation requirement. Students are able to choose online credits directly through Xello.
- Summer school and/or night school courses can count towards to these 2 online learning requirements as long as they are fully online elearning classes
- If you would like to have your student opt-out of the elearning graduation requirement you can complete the Opt-out form directly through this Google Form link - [eLearning Graduation Requirement - Opt-out Form](#) or you can may complete a form through the "New Online Learning Graduation Requirement and OPT-OUT FORM" button on the Course Selections

2023/2024 web page [Governor Simcoe - Course Selections 2023/2024](#). This form can be printed and submitted to Guidance or completed and emailed to [diane.hom@dsbn.org](mailto:diane.hom@dsbn.org).

### **3. Shrek the Musical (Rassika Risko is Drama Teacher - head coordinator)**

- Show Dates:
  - April 28th, 29th, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th, 2023 - Curtain time is 7pm
  - Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - Curtain time is 2pm.
- Tickets are \$15 each and will be on sale as of March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Trivia Night fundraiser for Shrek:
  - This is our biggest way to raise funds for the musical outside of ticket sales.
  - Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Armenian Hall on Martindale Rd.
  - Tickets are \$20 and 8-10 to a table. We can have a maximum of 25 tables in the hall.
  - Cash bar is available and light snacks will be provided at each table.
  - We will be needing donations for a raffle table that will be at the trivia night. I can provide a letter for those requesting one. This is our biggest task at this point - well, other than selling tickets.
  - The cast will kick off the night with a performance and then they will leave as it is an adults only event.
  - School Council offered some support with concession stands during the event i.e., coffee/tea, popcorn machine? pop/water/bubbly, bakery donations, pizza donations, bulk candies? Raffle tickets (donated prizes), costco snack packs
  - School Council → ensure that we advertise through all social media platforms (even asking for donations??)

### **Next Meeting:**

- Monday, February 27th, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. on Microsoft Teams
- Further semester meetings - in person? Every other month? TBD

