

## School Council Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2025

Chair: Amanda Rappitt

Principal: Teri Thompson

Vice Principal: Leslie Brophy

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

### Student Council & Student Leadership Update

#### Welcome and Introductions

#### Student Council:

- Semi-Formal - very successful
- Simcoe Around the World - April 3-5
- Pep Rally - celebrating spring sports (April 24th)
- Student council is working on the easter egg hunt for April's fun activity.

#### SOS (Simcoe Outreach Society):

- SOS is going to pack lunches again for community crew on Thursday, March 27th
- starting to plan for the Rankin Run – Friday May 30.

### School updates:

#### ● Progress & Midterm Reports:

- Progress reports sent to student's DSBN emails on March 6th
- Midterm reports completed by teachers the week of April 14th and sent home with students on April 23rd, 2025

#### ● Parent-Teacher Interviews:

- Held at Governor Simcoe in the gymnasium on Thursday, April 3rd from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Book through interview scheduler found on the school website \*

#### ● Literacy Test & DELF:

- Governor Simcoe will be hosting **DELF** exams (DELF standing for "Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française" and is an official, internationally recognized diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify French language proficiency for non-native speakers, covering levels A1 to B2) on Monday, April 7th, - Wednesday, April 9th during

the afternoon periods. Students involved in DELF will be signed out of their afternoon classes, and Megan Angelone will let staff know who is participating

- Semester two students completing the **literacy test** (~50 students) will do so between Tuesday, April 8th and Thursday, April 10th. Chris Pierce will provide more information to staff in terms of who these students are and where & when they will be writing.

- **Autism Awareness Month:**

- Staff learning - ASD presentation to staff (April 4th)
- Announcements and resources sent to teacher
- [Mind Matters: Supporting Mental Health | Autism Ontario](#)

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** DSNB AI Committee exploring the responsible/appropriate use of AI in schools by teachers & students with focus on the following 2 main areas:

1. Pedagogical and instructional integration
2. Academic integrity, Assessment and evaluation

- How familiar are parents with AI? Use of AI in their workplace, personal life, etc?
  - Social media - organizing your thoughts, correcting grammar, structuring sentences - makes life a lot of easier
  - Marketing, education, information/awareness
  - Some of stuff out of date (double check sources and information)
  - Organization - will spit out a table and organizing
  - Terms of reference, generating abstracts for professional work
  
  - If give quality information into it, relative to quality of output
  - University use - generate ideas and for jobs of the future
  - Need to watch for security and cyber security issues including bias
  - Trouble-shooting programming
  - Grammar checking
  - Tech support - write in exactly what you need support with
- Are they aware of student use? For what purpose? Etc.
  - Yes - using it for much of their homework but they don't know enough to be able to check for information and use it responsibly
  - Using SIRI which is AI and now many using ChatGPT
  - Need to teach them using healthy boundaries; what is appropriate use vs inappropriate / cheating; challenges with understanding acade

- What do we think it should be used for?
  - By teachers?
    - We need to use and practice it ourselves to be able to model responsible use with students, including lesson plans, assessment tools, etc.,
    - Teaching students how to use it responsibly
    - Example of teachers asking students for their voice on schools core values - Leslie took this information/data with specific prompts - asked AI to consolidate information
    - Teachers having students do work in the front of them (written tasks) to ensure it is student's work - hope to move into working with kids through this process of learning to use it properly in stages
    - What does this look like in French Immersion since Google Translate has always been an issue...
  - By students?
    - Teaching kids how to reference and use responsibly
    - Idea generation - help kids to move forward and a starting point for critical thinking
    - Prompt generation - this might be part of interviews in the future...
- Feedback/input/questions/concerns?
  - Our school looking at having some of teachers showcase how they use it in the classroom (to other staff)
  - Developing draft of DSBN guidelines of use and implementation of AI for teachers and students

### ● **School Play - Freaky Friday:**

- Performance dates: Friday April 25th, Saturday April 26th, Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm; Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- All tickets will be \$15
- Ticket booth set up during Parent-Teacher Interview night
- The virtual box office will go live on Tuesday - find the link on our homepage (who do I ask to put the link on the website, again?!?!?!)
- Raffle tickets - will send out additional information as we get closer (Rassika more information on this)
- Over 100 students and staff are involved either on stage or offstage somehow
- Fun Fact: We are one of the only few high schools around who still use a live band for our musical productions.

- **Speaker Opportunity - Angeline Bouley (Author):**

- We want to share an exciting learning opportunity for staff, students, families and community. Angeline Bouley, author of *Firekeeper's Daughter* and *Warrior Girl*, will be visiting the DSBN in April and will be speaking in the Laura Secord auditorium on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 7:00 pm. The event is free and all participants will also receive a free copy of one of Angeline's books.
- To support planning, we ask everyone to register using the attached flyer QR code or registration link below. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for general seating.
- [Link to Registration Form](#)
- The Indigenous Student Leadership Group and the Indigenous Education Team look forward to sharing this evening with the DSBN Community.
- Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have to Marianne Groat [marianne.groat@dsbn.org](mailto:marianne.groat@dsbn.org)

- Meet with Amanda about School Council email

### Questions

- Are Elementary classes coming over for a matinee performance?

- **Next Meeting: Monday, May 26th, 5:30 pm**