



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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## School Council Meeting: May 9, 2022

[Microsoft Teams: 6:30 p.m.](#)

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

### 1. Student Council:

- We are having a food truck day after our Water Walk (to support Water First - [link to their values and mission page](#)) on Thursday June 2 (any donations have to go directly to the third party) - Teri to explain the way fundraisers and donations go (all to do with movement of cash with 3rd party charitable organizations)
- We are trying to build diversity into our school culture and have been brainstorming ideas such as introducing more diverse library books and setting up a multicultural calendar (announcements following days of significance - see equity web-site). This will continue into next year.
- Levi Andrews (student in FI) has volunteered to do the land acknowledgment in French. Every second Monday it will be said on the announcements in French.

### 2. School updates:

- Midterms - sent home April 26th (hard copy)
- ISSST working on failure report and how to follow-up with students not meeting with success in one or more classes
- Nicer weather - student dress code (appropriateness) and lates are increasing (students spreading longer breaks outside) - coming to the end/spring fever so some behaviour increasing
- Awards Ceremony (athletic and subject awards) - June 9th in the gymnasium - period 2 into lunch - possible criteria for this:
  - consistent and strong work ethic
  - passion for the subject
  - overall great student to have in class (good role model)
  - great improvement / overcoming obstacles
- PISA Ministry Test and OSSLT test - PISA - 2 day test for a small number of students with particular birthdays (grade 10). OSSLT last writing opportunity on Thursday.
- Grade 9 welcome BBQ in August and school connections at feeder schools
- Graduation - 28th 6:30 Bethany Church - see messages sent through google - grad breakfast where students will get more information

- Honour Roll 2020-2021 grade 9 (Wednesday), Grade 10 (Thursday), grade 11 (Friday) - certifications given out in main foyer - students will be called out of class
- Sexual Violence Toolkit - overview for teachers to ensure everyone knows protocols and community supports in place

### 3. Summative Tasks June 2022 (some messages to staff)

- Final summative assessments provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and align with course learning goals, but can be delivered as outlined by Growing Success, which emphasizes the importance of **teacher professional judgment** (summatives can be worth different amounts for different classes and also different students)
- As there were no exams first semester, you and/or your colleagues have already designed summative tasks that review all of the overall expectations of the course.
- The final days of the semester (i.e. calendar exam days) can be spent working 1:1 or in small groups with students who require additional support, providing opportunities for oral evaluations, debriefing summative tasks (including the practice exam). In January, we found that this model really supported students and improved their achievement and understanding, which is always our goal! As you did first semester, please reach out to students and families that you are requesting to attend on those days.
- Please take into consideration that some students with an IEP and/or specific learning needs may require adjustments and accommodations, plan accordingly for all summative tasks.
- You are not required to give a written exam this semester - if teachers decide to give exam for experience of students going into post secondary - need to teach the skills, need to give appropriate feedback and cannot be detrimental to student's overall evaluation.

### 4. Other business and/or questions:

- Water First - what is the exact organization and link to the donation center on our website (see above link to home page of Water First)
- Graduation breakfast - served in cafeteria - Wednesday June 1st at 8:10
- Beth - small reception on sight - do we need anything? → Beth said that we don't need food but could use some help with picking up balloons and small tasks like this.
- Next communication home to families - indicate switch for guidance counselor - Tim Tope to Leslie Brophy
- Last meeting in person - look at restaurant? Order in?
- Convenience in the virtual meeting - many agreed - have a balance moving forward (i.e., one in fall of semester 1 and last one in June semester 2)
- Email to parents/guardians regarding end-of-year parent council meeting with rsvp - 6th or 13th...

