

## School Council Meeting: Monday September 25, 2023

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

Vice Principal: Leslie Brophy

Structure of meetings - September, November, January, May (in-person at the school) and March (online)

### **Student Council & SOS Update**

- This week is Spring spirit week. Hawaiian shirt day today, Tuesday Twin Day, Wednesday Pastel colour wars (gr 9 yellow, grade 10 pink, grade 11 blue, grade 12 purple), Thursday comfy cozy/pj day. We are also doing a plastic Easter egg hunt Thursday where students can trade in the eggs for candy.
- Semi Formal was a huge success! 270 students! was at Club Roma. Look forward to planning next year.
- May 31: Rankin Run/ Simcoe Fest day. Niagara Inflatables, games, BBQ, ice cream truck (planning is in the works) Running this event with SOS.
- SOS is visiting the Westview Center for Women on Wednesday to learn about what they do and then volunteer for a couple of hours

### **School updates:**

#### **Cell Phone Policy:**

- Teachers are working with students on the no cell phone use while learning in class
- Students that continue to have their learning obstructed because of cell phone use will be referred to administration

#### **Personal Digital/Electronic Devices:**

- Under the DSBN's Policies "[Education Programs and Student Services D-01: Digital Technology Use by Students](#)" states:
  - *a) If the device is to be present in the classroom the purpose is solely educational and with teacher's direction and permission.*
  - *b) The use of this device must not interfere with anyone's learning.*
  - *c) To protect the privacy and safety of students and staff, personal electronics CANNOT be used to take photographs or videotape, unless under the direct supervision of a teacher for academic purposes.*

- *d) Students should not be using their personal phones to call/text without teacher knowledge. Contact with parents must always happen through the office to ensure student safety.*
- *e) Devices are never to be used in private areas such as change rooms and washrooms.*
- *f) When devices are not in use, they must be turned off and stored in a secure location (i.e., locker, backpack) DSBN schools and staff will not be held responsible for damage, loss or theft of personal electronic devices.*
- TDSB's cell phone policy - see recent article

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/tdsb-trustees-vote-to-develop-policy-that-would-limit-student-cell-phone-use-1.6730154#:~:text=The%20Ministry%20Of%20Education%20issued,to%20support%20special%20education%20needs.>

### **Midterm Reports:**

- Distributed to students on Tuesday, April 23, 2024

### **Announcements:**

- posted on school webpage
- Read everyday at the beginning of period 2 (~9:30 am.) **NEW**

### **Teacher Supervisions:**

- Additional supervision added at lunch to help monitor students on the first floor (2nd & 3rd floors inaccessible during lunch)

### **Graduation:**

- Graduation has been rescheduled; it is on Wednesday, June 26th at Bethany Community Centre

### **EQAO (Grade 9 Math & Grade 10 Literacy):**

- Lunch Time Literacy running Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Grade 10 students and previously eligible students will write the test April 16th & 17th in grade 10 classrooms and previously eligible in the library
- EQAO grade 9 math - snapshot on May 1st and final assessment dates - June 11th & 12th

### **Staff Meeting and PD:**

- PD Day April 8th - afternoon is virtual (possibly the day)

- Staff working on school climate and how we support students effectively, in conjunction with continuing to create a positive and safe environment

**Vaping Initiative:**

- Pilot the vaping sensors in all bathrooms in the next few weeks - more to come on how it is monitored and enforced and communication will be sent home

**Autism Awareness Day (April 2nd):**

- Autism Care Kit - use this with the staff for their learning and then used in classrooms following staff learning
- Secondary tool kit to be used in classrooms

**School Parent Council future session:**

- Monday, May 13th - school parent council begins at 5:30 pm
- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) presentation to follow

**End-of-year School Council Event:**

- Interest in this? 2nd or 3rd week of June? At the school? Google form to see about interest and availability
- Talk about feedback and moving forward to next year...

**Questions**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 13th, 2024 (5:30 pm) - in the library Governor Simcoe