

School Council Agenda – November 5, 2024

Present: Kelly Humphries (Chair), Jan Gourley, Jenn Goold (Teacher representative)

1. Welcome, Introductions
2. Teacher Report
 - a. Level Up Career Fair (for Grade 9s, SHSM)
 - b. Parade float – theme is Christmas at the Circus
 - c. SHSM team meeting – school team working together to plan events with reduced funds
3. Principal Report
 - a. Safe and Inclusive School Plan
 - i. Conflict resolution – St. Leonard’s work (reactive in restorative practices and proactive with Leadership class and Learning Strategies class)
 - ii. Work on reflecting student identity (e.g. globe / map with pins and flags to show countries of origin of Voaden students)
 - iii. Work on addressing hateful / oppressive language used by students is ongoing
 - b. School Improvement and Equity Plan
 - i. Literacy
 1. Explicit literacy instruction in each class
 2. OSSLT – Previously eligible
 3. Diagnostic assessments with Grade 9, 10
 - ii. Numeracy
 1. Grade 9 students – EQAO as a measurement
 2. Work with CMST and Math department on foundational numeracy skills
 3. Whole-school focus on math attitudes
 - c. School Budget
 - i. Board funding
 - ii. Student-generated funding
 - d. Grade 8 Night
 - i. Testimonials from students / families? Could be playing in the mall area where families are getting food
4. Annual Report
 - a. Council worked together to complete the 2023/2024 school council report
5. New Business

- a. Kelly Humphries has the School Council official email – that can be shared in the next newsletter to families – and perhaps a prize for anyone who writes in with a question
- b. Ways to get parent input
 - i. Survey had no responses
 - ii. Maybe QR code to the survey? At parent-teacher interviews – on the maps? By the cookies? Teachers hand them out?
- c. Build school presence on social media – Facebook, Instagram

Next Meeting: Tues. December 3, 2027 in library 6:00 pm