

## Notes from School Council Meeting – October 1, 2024

- Welcomes and Introductions – Mrs. Jakobi
- Elections of School Chair – Kelly Humphries
- School Council Policy and Procedures – Mrs. Jakobi and School Council
- Teacher’s Report – Ms. Goold
  - It’s been a good start
  - Colour Houses are continuing, with activities to feel connected with each other and the school (such as Terry Fox Run and activities today) – higher student participation has been observed
  - Santa Claus Parade has been announced – the theme this year is Santa at the Circus
  - SHSM recruitment is underway
- Student’s Report – Sarah-Marie Scale
  - College and university presentations are underway in the library
  - Classes are underway with assessments starting to take place

## Principal’s Report – Mrs. Jakobi

- Our School
  - Classes – University, College, Workplace, Destreamed, Open
    - Spec Ed: DE, ASD, Transitions
  - SHSM programs: Arts & Culture, Construction, Health Care, Hospitality, Transportation
  - Staff – 40 teachers, 15 educational assistants
- Grade 9 Parent Night
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan
- Homeroom Visits, PPM 128 (Cell Phones and Vaping / Smoking)

## New Business

- Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee – invitation extended for this Thursday October 4 at 11:10 am
- Brainstorming ways to reach out to parents / families
  - Instagram, Facebook (private group, no comments)
  - Send out a survey to parents / families – what are the barriers
  - Continue with monthly newsletter – include link to the School Council website
  - Update the School Council page on the website and keep it up to date
  - Do a quick phone Synrevoice to remind parents the day before School Council meetings
  - Use Google Calendar and/or Events Calendar on the website
- Parent Engagement Fund - \$500 for the 24/25 school year
  - \$250 toward parent-teacher interviews refreshments
  - \$250 toward the Grade 9 parent barbecue

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm (hybrid: library and online)

# Arthur Voaden Secondary School

## 2024-2025 Safe and Inclusive School Plan

Our school is committed to providing all students with a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment free from bullying and harassment that promotes respect, acceptance, and empathy.

Staff, students, parents and caregivers, and community partners will work together as a team to help make our school safe and welcoming for everyone.

The Safe and Inclusive School Plan highlights some of the key actions that our school community will put in place as part of our bullying prevention and intervention efforts.



### Key Priorities and Goals

This year we are focusing on building students' conflict resolution skills and access to mental and community health resources.

We are doing this to build on our successes last year in offering extracurricular activity options and build healthy relationships.

### Key Actions or Strategies

- Promote and advertise our school support team, including social work and public health nurse
- Enlist the support of community organizations such as St. Leonard's for proactive work with our intermediate students
- Explicitly teach skills and use common language for expectations

### Community and Home Connections

- Ask your child about how / where they can get mental health support
- Try talking at home with your child about how they can resolve conflict (at home and at school) in positive and respectful ways
- Check out this [resource](#) about mental health and addiction support