

A.V.S.S. School Council
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
6:00pm - Library

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome | M. Moore |
| 2. Staff Report | N/A |
| 3. Principal's Report
- See below | M. Moore |
| 4. 'Any other business' | M. Moore |

Adjourned: 7:35pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00

Principal's Report
School Council
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STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Vice-Principal Telfer will be leaving us for a new placement at H.B. Beal Secondary School in London – as of Feb. 6.

Kirsten Osterback (SST) will be replacing him as Vice-Principal for semester two.

UPDATES:

1. Midterm Pass Rates

- see attached sheet for results from Semester One *midterms*

2. Code Red/Lockdown Drill

- December 1/22
- exceptional results/performance by entire school
- drill lasted about 7 minutes

3. Undergrad Awards

- December 8 during the day
- very well attended and was a great way to recognize students who achieved high levels of academic success

4. Christmas Holidays

- started one day early as a result of school closures on Dec. 22 (weather)
- return to school on Monday, Jan. 9

5. Bike Thefts

- no bike thefts since we moved four racks to the SOUTH side and announced to students that this is the new spot

6. Grade 8 Open House (Jan. 18/23)

- over 500 people attended
- we are waiting for final grade 9 enrollment numbers by Feb. 15

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Semester One wrap up
- Tuesday, January 17 = 'System Wide Catch-Up Day'
 - Last Class Day = Thurs., Jan. 26
 - "Final Assessment Days" (AKA *the old 'Exam Days'*) = Jan. 27, 30, 31, Feb. 1, 2
 - *these days will be either an exam (for some gr. 11, 12) or an assessment done in class
 - *will be part of the final 30% of the course (from 5%-20%; depending on the course)
 - *students DO need to attend those days
 - *Process has been sent home with students on paper, announced to the school, announced to parents via phone, and posted on our school website since Jan. 10
 - Semester Two starts Monday, Feb. 6; homerooms will be posted and will have new timetables
- B) Washroom 'Issues'
- C) Course Selections for Next Year
- As of January 30, only 75% of students had completed this process
 - Mr. Kesteloot and Ms. Sworik have met with all students, showed them the process, and held assemblies explaining how to do it
 - As this must be completed by Feb. 17, some students will have courses *picked for them* and some students *will not have courses for next year*
- D) Night School at AVSS
- Once Balaclava St. site closed last June, there is no where in St. Thomas/Elgin for students to seek 'Alternative Education' off site (for whatever reason)
 - After a great deal of planning at the Board level, we will be hosting Alternative Night School at AVSS
 - Tue./Thur. from 6-9
 - One semester trial run to see how successful it is
- E) Upcoming Dates
- Monday, Feb. 20 – *Family Day Holiday*
 - March 13 – March 17 – *March Break*
 - March 22 *School Council Meeting (6:00)*