

A.V.S.S. School Council

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:00pm - Library

AGENDA

1. Welcome

M. Moore

2. Principal's & Staff Report

M. Moore & J. Goold

3. 'Any other business'

M. Moore

Adjourned: 7:20pm

***Principal's Report
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UPDATES:

1. Allocations/Courses for 2023-24

- *Much* better than anticipated for us at AVSS; means we can run all the classes we wanted to run
- No surplus teachers; AVSS in a vacancy/hiring position
- Teacher transfer process began on May 4

2. Student 'Conflicts'

- Students will have a timetable created by our new 'ASPEN' system – to the best of its ability and with plenty of help from Admin/Guidance
- Some students will get the 8 courses they selected in January. Easy. Done. Nothing to do.
- Some students will only get 5 courses they selected in January... and will need 3 others to fix the 'conflict' in their timetable
- **EXAMPLE:** Kim selected ENG 3U1 and THX3E1 – but both are running Block B in 2rd semester.
Kim can only select ONE of the courses.
- Multiply that scenario X 100 students!!! This is the process Guidance will be doing ASAP.
- Goal is to have all conflicts completed by June 30... and students to have their final timetables before they leave in June. If not = posted on portal in July (!)

3. Night School/Gateway

- Successfully running both programs in Room 112A at AVSS
- Zero Issues so far...

4. Midterm Report Cards

- Given out in homerooms on Wed. April 26 + MM messaged parents that day as well
- MIDTERM PASS RATE: 81% (vs. 84% and 82% the last two midterm reports)

5. At-Risk Reporting

- Parents/Guardians of students who have 59% or less will be contacted by teachers via ONE of: a) Markbook report b) Phone Call c) Email
- Between May 15-19
- As always... should any parent want to know how their student is doing at *any time*, they can request a mark update via one of these methods OR by checking the online platform of the class

6. Prom

- Not associated with AVSS in any way, but apparently plans are well underway
- Students ARE allowed to sell tickets every FRIDAY in the mall area at lunch (*safety!*)

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Grade 9 Day at AVSS – June 7 afternoon

- For incoming grade 9 students
- All four AVSS classes will run between 8:25-11:05... then AVSS students have no class and can go home to allow us to welcome our future grade 9 students
- MM will message parents/guardians well before this date so families can plan
- After 11:05, we welcome the grade 8 students for a lunch/tour/gift for the afternoon

b) Semester Two Final Marks

- Will be calculated in July; goal is to average over **90%** again this year
- Reminder: Semester One = **91%** overall pass rate
- Sem. Two *OVERALL MIDTERM MARKS* = 81%

c) Code Red Drill – May 10

- Exceptionally well done once again; 7 minutes in duration

d) Dress Code Survey from TVDSB

- School Councils are (again) asked for feedback on the new policy; MM to email each of you the survey link

e) Parking Lot Paving

- South, west, north lots being completely redone and repainted
- “Mid July – Mid August” work dates
- Only access to the school for all visitors, staff, groups, etc. etc. will be from the EAST doors all summer

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, June 6 – Thursday, June 8 – Special Olympics in Kingston (soccer)

Wednesday, June 7 – Grade 8 visits in the afternoon; regular classes all to be scheduled in am

Wednesday, June 21 – last day of regular classes for students

Thursday, June 22 – Thursday, June 29 – ‘Final Assessment’ days (22, 23, 26, 27 are main days)

Friday, June 30 – PD day... and last day of school for staff

August 21-24 – ‘High School Here I Come’ program for incoming grade 9 students

August 21 week (TBD) – new registration days (2) for incoming students/families

Tuesday, Sept. 5 – PD day

Wednesday, Sept. 6 – first day of school!

Thursday, Oct. 5 – Commencement