

A.V.S.S. School Council
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:00pm - Library

AGENDA

1. Welcome M. Moore

2. Principal's & Staff Report M. Moore & J. Goold

3. 'Any other business' M. Moore

Present: Jeff Barrett, Jan Gourley, Carrie Elliot, Jen Goold, M. Moore
Regrets: J. Wrobel, D. Grogan, K. Osterback

Adjourned: 7:46pm

Next (and last) Meeting: Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00

***Principal's Report
School Council
March 22, 2023***

UPDATES:

1.Semester One FINAL Pass Rates

Gr. 9 = 275/303 = 91%

Gr. 10 = 349/377 = 93%

Gr. 11 = 345/388 = 89%

Gr. 12 = 121/125 = 97%

TOTAL = 1090/1193 = 91%

TOTAL COMPARISONS:

2016-17 = 91%

2017-18 = 87%

2018-19 = 94%

2019-20 = 92%

2020-21 = Quads

2021-22 = 96% ('Do no harm')

2. Exams/ Final Assessments/Final Assignments

- last semester was the first time we had any of them in 3 years
- first time ever that gr. 9, 10 did not have to write exams
- entire process is being discussed at Board level *and* AVSS level ('pros and cons')

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Washroom 'Issues'

- **Parents continued to support school's efforts to ensure a private area for students to use the facilities**

B) Course Selections for Next Year

- Process is complete for this year
- *Next step:* Staffing Allocations from the Board will help determine which courses we are actually able to *run*; we receive them on April 6
- Factors that are included in what we can run: lines allocated from the Board, number of students who selected a course, staff we have to teach the course, cap size of each course
- See whiteboard examples

C) Night School at AVSS

- After a great deal of planning at the Board level, we will be hosting Alternative Night School at AVSS
- Tue./Thur. from 6-9 in room 112A (as of April 3)
- One semester trial run to see how successful it is; so far 8-14 students per night

D) *GATEWAY* at AVSS

- We will also be the host of the local *GATEWAY* program for adults wishing to work on their career: resumes, career counselling, etc.
- Used to be at library
- Every day from 9:00-2:30 as of April 3
- Will be in room 112A

E) OSSLT

- Done using chromebooks; 2X 60 minute sessions; 8:30 start each day
- Tues. March 28 = for repeat writers AND students writing in the Resource room (as per IEP)
- Wed. March 29 = grade 10 (first time) writers
- All classes go on as normal that day
- Practice test for gr. 10 students = March 20-24... and online at home at www.eqao.com

F) Midterm Marks

- To be submitted by teachers on or before Monday, April 17.... Report cards shortly after that
- Parents suggested that M. Moore mention to all parents that it is possible to join each student's online classroom – for better ease in knowing “what is going on”. M. Moore did so in his message home to parents (via phone) on March 24th. (i.e. email teacher and parents can be invited to the class)

G) Parent-Teacher Interviews (Semester Two)

- Thursday, March 23 (tomorrow) from 5-7pm
- M. Moore has announced this date to parents via phone message twice – and will do so again tonight

H) 'System-Wide Catch-up Day(s)

- Supposed to be a 'window' this semester, not just one day
- March 20-23; at teacher's discretion
- Catch-up, complete, re-submit work

I) Prom

- As a result of staff availability and other issues, our prom will, for the first time, be held off site this June
- FYI... *none* of the 28 TVDSB secondary schools host their prom on-site
- In this case, AVSS and AVSS staff cannot have *anything* to do with it – for liability reasons – and M. Moore has met with the 'prom committee' to explain this fact and give some 'pointers' as to what they need to consider

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, March 30 – *TVDSB Excellence In Teaching' Awards* – Lamplighter Inn
*Congratulations to the AVSS winner: *Ms. Saini*

Thursday, April 6 – Allocation day (see above)
Friday, April 7 – Good Friday holiday
Monday, April 10 – Easter Monday Holiday
Friday, April 28 – PD day (Dept. groupings at the Board level)

Wed. May 17 – Last School Council meeting of the year
Friday, May 19 – PD day
Monday, May 22 – Victoria Day holiday

Thursday, June 22 – last day of regular classes for students
Friday, June 23 – Thursday, June 29 – 'Final Assessment' days
Friday, June 30 – PD day... and last day of school for staff