

A.V.S.S. School Council

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

6:00pm - Library

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome/Snacks | M. Moore |
| 2. Staff Report | J. Goold |
| 3. Principal's Report | M. Moore |
| 4. 'Any other business'/Election | M. Moore |

Present: Moore, Goold, Wrobel, Buchanan, Grogan, Sneider, Elliot, Sibley

Adjourned: 7:46pm

Principal's Report
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UPDATES:

1. School year start-up

- the first three days were very intentional about using time to "build relationships and get to know our students" after two years of COVID turmoil
- AVSS staff has *always* been very good at this process – and TVDSB formalized it this September

2. Progress Reports (paper/online)

- given to students on or before Friday, October 7
- intentional about this information being out before Thanksgiving weekend and parent-teacher interviews

3. Parent-Teacher Interviews (Thursday, Oct. 13 5-7pm)

- excellent opportunity to begin to build relationship with teacher and see how your student is progressing early in the semester; very well attended this year

4. Fire Drills (3)

- have been completed already; entire school safely evacuated in under 3:30

5. Code Red/Lockdown Drill

- will occur in early November; TBD

6. Bike Thefts

- we have had 9 bikes stolen from our NORTH racks; some were locked and some were not
- happening at all schools; not usually by students; police are working with us
- we have moved all bike racks to SOUTH side in a more open space with much better video coverage
- we have made several announcements to alert students

7. New Registrations/Enrollment

- we had *three* full new registration days and continue to get requests
- enrollment is now at approximately 375
- since we were staffed for and given class lines for about 325, our classes are getting full
- we have lots of *space* in the building but no real space *in classes*

8. Clubs and Teams

- flag football, cheerleading, chess, QSA, horticulture, robotics, drama, girls basketball team, band, art, anime, homework help, best buddies, Spanish, Student Council...

9. Commencement (for last year's graduates)

- Friday, Oct. 28 7pm Gym

10. Pass Rates from last year

Grade 9 = 96%

Grade 11 = 95%

Overall = 1855/1940 = 96% successful!!

Grade 10 = 95%

Grade 12 = 97%

*Note: These rates do not include students who missed 75%+ of their classes (71+/95 classes). Those students, for several reasons, are not in this data.

11. CUPE Update

- CUPE includes: secretaries, custodians, EAs and I.T. staff
- they have notified the Ontario government that their 97% strike vote will cause action if negotiations are not successful
- timelines are still TBD but obviously any action will disrupt schools

12. New Staff (to the profession & to the school)

- 12 of 37 teachers are new to us + new Front Desk Secretary (Sandi Gerrard) replacing Betty Bekaun

13. Computer/Tech./Parent Portal Issues

- TVDSB has switched out operating system from 'Trillium' (25+ years of use) to 'Aspen'
- the move has caused many issues that we are still working on at class, school and Board level

14. M. Moore's Weekly Phone Messages to Parents/Guardians

- after discussion of pro/cons (*without M. Moore in the room*) ... it was unanimously decided that M. Moore should continue his weekly phone messages home when needed

Other Upcoming Events:

Oct. 24 = PD day (*Focus: School Improvement Planning*)

Nov. 11 = Remembrance Day *and* teachers submit OFFICIAL MIDTERM MARKS (so we can create Report Cards)

Nov. 16 = next School Council Meeting (??)

Nov. 18 = PD Day

Discussion Items:

a) *School Council Meeting dates*

- Proposal is to have them every other month; Third Wednesday of the month; 6:00pm
- Next mtg = Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00pm
- **ACCEPTED AS PROPOSED**

b) *TVDSB Student Dress Code*

- See handouts
- Council is seeing this before staff does on Oct. 24 *and* before we show students on date TBD.
- Comments: **SCHOOL COUNCIL SUBMITTED SEVERAL COMMENTS TO M. MOORE**

c) *School Council Election for 2022-23*

CHAIR

- works with M. Moore to set agenda for mtgs.
- will get invitations and information from TVDSB occasionally
- is someone parents/guardians can reach out to when needed
- **THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CO-CHAIRS: *Nicholas Sneider & Ron Buchanan***

SECRETARY

- takes notes that become the official record of our meetings
- **THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Deanna Grogan***