

Sir Wilfred Laurier SS

School Council Meeting

October 16, 2023 @ 6:30

Introductions

- Introducing New Black Student Grad Coach T.Kifle - Previous Graduate 2016. Here every day, focus on grade 11 & 12's. Create awareness for black student equality

Treasurer – Michelle – unable to attend Wednesdays

Minutes – Jen Handsor will continue

M.Brada's proposition – create a poll for council meeting calendar, will send out link to see which days' work best for everyone, keep in mind feeder schools committee meeting dates

Principals Report

- Halloween dance – advance ticket purchase online only. Unable to purchase tickets at the door.
 - Fall awards night – more information to follow for students receiving awards
 - OSSLT – Nov 20-23 for Grade 11 & 12
 - o Mr DeJonge reinforcing EQAO
 - Midterm report cards – week of November 21
 - Fall Awards Night – Wed, November 23. More information to follow for students involved
 - Late Progress Report – Friday December 8th
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- Take your kid to work day – not happening due to parents still working from home

Hot Topics

Hazing incident

– M. Bradacs investigated right away, discussed with the board.

- coaches had no prior knowledge of the incident
- door always open to anyone with information or wants to discuss
- Football Canada workshop regarding hazing
- mental health supports for the kids
- hazing has no place in sports, recommend being proactive and taking a learning activity * respecting sports*

- **report misconducts

Orange shirt day

– Aerial photo and walk around the track

- indigenous students upset that students were not engaged
 - loss of significance due to similarities in events
- discussions around learning, having a cultural lens
- more cultural sensitivity needs to be portrayed
- possibly prep students prior regarding respect and reflection

- Bike rack moved to back of the school

School Improvement

PA Day – Oct 6

- focus on Literacy
- focus on best practices related to student success

Math / Numeracy strategy – grade 9 EQAO

– focusing on tests this year

- concentrated effort in working with all grades 9 math teacher to ensure students in grade 9 math classes have pervasive and ongoing exposure to EQAO questions and they are assessed and evaluated on these learning opportunities
- will be providing practice test opportunities to all grade 9

Q: Is the French Immersion EQAO completed in French or English?

- PAFI has the Math test in English, and Literacy test optional as French or English

A: Will ask the French Immersion math teachers

Tutoring Schedule – Staff are creating schedule to be shared soon

Grade 9 Support Day – extra support for struggling students

Mentoring Mondays – Grade 12 leadership classes are acting as peer mentors to help classes weekly

Safety Concerns – Student misconduct on Downie Cres continues to be a problem

- encourage your child to stay on property for lunch and throughout day

Community Outreach

Meet the teacher – well attended

- Western, Fanshawe, Huron, Kings, and Liuna 1050 had information tables set up for the evening

- going to happen in the Spring as well

Feeder school visits – attended pep rally, lunch and sports game with Laurier

- Oct 5 grade 7 & 8 students from Wilton Grove, Arthur Sringer, and Nicholas Wilson

- Oct 18 – grade 7 & 8 students from Kensal Park, Princess Anne, and Princess Elizabeth

Athletics, Clubs and Extra – Curriculars

- well attended clubs to date (over 100 members at student council)

- leadership conference for MSA students on Oct 19 is postponed due to activity in the East

- the student council is proposing to change their constitution to have new positions for more inclusive representation. Indigenous student Association, Black student Association, Muslim Student Association, Prism (GSA) rep

Staffing Update

- Mr McKenzie – English

- French Immersion – job posting

M.Bradačs - \$1200 towards E-sports team, would appreciate a contribution from the school council \$500.

Q: There is an increasing drug issue on & off school property. Illegal substances, not just smoking and vaping. Disruptive to some students. Vaping and drugs happening in classrooms.

A: MB- has been made aware of an increase in substance abuse. Will have surveillance and will address. Need parents to bring information forward so we can address. Principals if they suspect, they can search lockers and/or bags. Things can't get better if they are not reported.

*Smoking has increased over the last couple of years at all high schools, perception that vaping is healthier, less addictive. If caught vaping, smoking or using drugs students will be suspended, fined with the health unit \$300 fine.

Grade 8 – Open House in December, no date set yet

Spirit wear – pick up date, E.Flynn will advise

M.B to send link for poll to determine best evening/time for council meetings

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm

Minutes – Jen Handsor