

Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School

School Council Meeting

November 16, 2023

Start @ 6:30pm

Welcome!

Leanne Powell, Public Health Nurse (leanne.powell@mlhu.on.ca)

Presentation on Teenage Vaping

- Statistics have increased
- Vaping doesn't smell
- Developed to help quit smoking
- Online shopping purchases
- Fruity smell/taste from vegetable glycerin, nicotine, and propylene glycol
- Causes popcorn lung damage
- Doesn't burn at a high temp
- Kids sell juice/pods \$10
- Safe school statistic – 60% students have tried vaping

Trying to support kids – have a conversation

- Highly addictive
- Increases stress
- Long term impacts
- Strategies to quit – WASH APP
- Notanexperiment.ca
- Resources for parents
- Email Leanne
- Leanne is at the school every Tuesday
- Suspension if caught vaping on school property
 - \$305 fine for smoking in prohibited area
 - \$490 fine for supplying or sharing

Financial Report

- Nevada & admin fee most costly expense

Council Members unanimously voted yes for \$500 towards Esports

EQAO – Grade 9 math is completed in English, not French for the FI students

Principals Report

- Happy Movember!
- Rams Remember- donation of gifts (art easels, sewing machine, track starter blocs)
 - o \$50 membership fee, social event
 - o Planned and coordinated with what the school needs
- Sr communication Technology students were finalist in the Forest City Film Festival
- Laurier Little library located outside in front of the school
- Shine the Light campaign – wear purple November 15
- Well attended and great supervision during the Halloween Dance and movie buyout
- Laurier Remembers –November 11, students well behaved during assembly on Nov 10

Important Upcoming Dates

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- PA Day Friday November 17th
- Midterm Report Cards – Tuesday November 21st –from marks up to October 31st.
- 2022-23 Awards Celebration or Ceremony – Wed. Nov 22
 - o Generic email, recommended an individualized email with student name and achievement
- OSSLT / grade 11 & 12 writers – November 20 & 21 – Grade 10's will write in the Spring
- Safe and Inclusive school meeting – Tuesday December 5th at lunch
- Grade 8 Open House – Thursday December 7th 6-8pm
 - o School Council able to help (banner, name tags, cookies & water)
- Late progress Report Friday December 8th
- Music Holiday concert – Thursday December 14th
- Winterpalooza – December 22nd
 - o Talent show last period on Friday, staff/teachers do a skit at the very end

Learning Updates

- PA Day – November 17
 - AM – Carousel Activity focusing on
 - OSSLT strategies
 - Literacy strategies of multi language learners
 - Examining Ontario Student Record data
 - Assessment and evaluation
 - PM focus
 - Departments will create and share tangible resources to use with students in readiness for either the math or literacy (OSSLT)
- DE streaming Lead Teacher has been working with staff on

- Creating connections with feeder schools
 - Assessment strategies that can be used across multiple subjects
- New: Continuing Education /Additional Math support program
- Now offering students 5 hrs. of additional math support for free outside the school day through continuing education funds
 - Students in grade 9 or 10 who need extra support
 - 53 students have been utilizing the extra support

Ontario Education Ministry Updates:

- Online graduation requirements
- Opt-out process for 2 online learning credits can be completed through the parent portal
- Community hours updated – some previous allowed community involvements are no longer eligible
- Ineligible activities include:
 - Activities that take place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or spare periods is permissible
 - Payment for any community involvement activity
 - Household chores are no longer permissible as community service hours
- A new community hours tracking form is also now available for students. This form can be downloaded at [www. Tvdsb.ca/high school](http://www.Tvdsb.ca/high school) This form is an editable pdf.
- Community hours forms can be submitted to our guidance department or through the parent portal. Students are encouraged to try to complete their 40 hr by the end of grade 10 if possible.

OSSLT (Ontario Secondary Literacy Test)

- Support sessions during class and at lunch have been facilitated

Community Outreach

- Please see attachment – local community resources for Ramland students and their families
- Music Feeder school visits – visited 9 schools over 2 days doing workshops on November 2 & 3rd
- Ms Smileys geography students working with reforest London to remove invasive species from the Westminster ponds
- Planted trees by the football field

Athletics, clubs and extra-curricular

- Spirit wear: order 519 Ram spirit wear by December 15 online to obtain your order for potential holiday gift (Dec 22)

Staffing Update

- Ms Daviault – French immersion
- Mr BLack – Drama, Special Ed, English

Communication

- Parents & guardians are encouraged to utilize our school website for the most accurate information
- Next school council meeting
- no meeting Dec & Jan
- Next meeting February 13
- Tuesday April 9
- Tuesday may 14

Questions & Answers:

- discuss name change review at some point

Adjourned @ 7:55 pm