

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SECONDARY SCHOOL

School Council Meeting

School Goals for 2023-24

Students will be more engaged in the school community by having an increased sense of ownership, belonging and respect for all. In building a stronger community, we will focus on identifying and removing barriers to provide equitable outcomes for all members of our school community.

Literacy Goal for 2023-24: to achieve an overall success rate in the Grade 10 Literacy test that meets provincial standards.

Numeracy Goal for 2023-24: to achieve an overall success rate in the Grade 9 EQAO test that meets provincial standards.

Matt Bradacs
Liz Webster
Andrew Carr
11 Parents/Community Members

MB – Adding an agenda item

Do we want to switch it to the 3rd Monday or Wednesday of the month? There are several regrets based on other feeder schools hosting their meetings on the same night. We'll vote at the end as an agenda item.

AC - Last spring our school council committed some funds to some student groups for this fall.

Reminder of where funds have gone last year

\$500 to unsung hero

\$300 to grad committee

\$250 to Prisim for tshirt fundraiser

2 new teams:

\$300 Boys rugby uniforms

\$450 Girls softball

\$200 for an art document camera

Esports was unable to get funds for esports, however, School Council did make a commitment to revisit this in the fall.

GL –

Last year we played in a couple of different tournaments. Some tournaments had 1,000 teams. We learned that some people couldn't play. We would like to get some computers to be able to play at the school. Estimate that new computers would cost about \$1,500. We were ranked #1 in Canada.

MB –

We have run this team for 2 years. This team caters to students who may not have other clubs in the school. Meet/game in 235 in Mr. Rhiger's room. Board games, chess and checkers too.

It's a safe place for students to go every lunch hour and after school.

A lot of the games require technology that our school computers don't have. Traditionally this wouldn't be on a classroom computer. We can decide at future meeting.

What types of games are you playing? – G.L. - car soccer game. Some new games this year.

About 10 games we are playing

How many students? G.L. - 20-40 students involved

What are you looking for? G.L. - Already purchased 2 sets of heads phones last year. Looking for 2 computer systems this year.

Preseason started yesterday. Fall season starts in 2 weeks.

Last year we had a student stream on YouTube. We also had a season recap video made about us. Look up "[Laurier esports](#) or [Wilfrid esports](#)."

The fall season ends Nov 17. Play week after that. Spring season runs until May.

If we do well we would make it to an in person tournament in the states

Last year we were very close.

If we make it to in person a jersey would be ok

We did some fundraising this summer. One of our team mates made \$100.

MB - We will discuss at the end of the meeting and you can come see me tomorrow.

GL - Our biggest competition in Canada came from Nunavut

Biggest competitor was from New Jersey

MB - considers this like any other team or sport. It's a good future job opportunity. The challenge has been just startup funds. The group has asked for nothing from us to date.

Maybe a long term idea or commitment.

Principal's Report – September 2023

1. *Welcome!*

- *Great start!*
- *New school council members – welcome!*

2. *Important Dates*

- United in Sports Day -Friday, September 22rd
 - Please ensure your child buys at ticket!
 - It is school based because the busing to TD Waterhouse was a struggle
 - Tickets are \$5.25 goes to United Way – Wednesday, September 20 is the deadline
 - 10:15 Pep Rally
 - 11:00 Sr. FB
 - 12:30 Sr G BBall
 - 2:00 Jr FBall
 - If students are signed out they must leave property.
 - If finance is a barrier speak to Mr. Bradacs
 - Classes are still running
 - Volunteers should be signed out by the teacher in charge

- Orange Shirt Day Friday, September 29th
 - Indigenous students are making plans
- PA Day – Friday, October 6th
- Meet the Teacher Night – Thursday, Oct 12 from 6 – 8pm
 - We don't do paper copy to organized anymore. It is purely electronically.
 - We'll send out an email 2 weeks prior.
 - It will have a calendar.
 - Time slots are only 10 min.
 - That is only 12 time slots per teacher.
- Halloween Dance – Thursday, October 26th
- Fall Music Night – Wednesday, Nov.1
- Midterm report cards – Tuesday, November 21
- Fall Awards Night – Wednesday, November 23
 - Last year's award recipients
- Late Progress Reports - Friday, December 8th

Enrollment

- 1167 students
 - London is the 3rd fastest growing city in Canada. All the high schools are feeling it.
 - New Registrations by Grade:
 - 9 - 242
 - 10 - 16 (Plus 2 still in process of providing documentation)
 - 11 - 11 new registrations
 - 12 – 16 new registrations

3. School Improvement

- PA Day – Tuesday, September 6th
 - Essential Conditions for Learning
 - Focus on mental health
 - School Improvement
 - Student Safety & Violent Incident Prevention
 - Training together with staff
 - Concussion Training
 - Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions

- 2 new roles / staff at our school this year:
 - Grad Coach for Black Students – Ms. T. Kifle
 - Former student. Here every day
 - Focus on grade 11 and 12 students
 - Through the lens of systemic barriers
 - Destreaming Lead Teacher – Ms. K. Maes

4. Mark Reporting – Discussion

- 3 mandatory reports teachers must provide in a semester
 - Midterm report cards (cards will go home on Nov.22) and final report cards (will go home the week of February 12th)
 - These are 2/3 mandatory reporting periods
 - Early Progress or Late Progress marks – a school-based decision
 - This is the 1/3 remaining reporting period
- We have decided this year to do **Late Progress reports (December 8th)** instead of Early Progress for the following reasons:
 - Teachers feel they will have a more work to assess which will allow them to have a clear indication of a student’s progress (as Early Progress reports only provide the first 4 weeks of assessment)
 - We are having a Meet the Teacher night on October 12 which is a great opportunity for parents to be informed about student progress
 - Late Progress reports on December 8th will give advanced notification of progress heading into summative assessments and still allow for significant time to improve (6 weeks until the end of semester thereafter)
 - You can reach out to the teacher at any point. Communication between home and school should and is ongoing. Please feel free to email the teacher.
 - If your child is not getting homework done, is the parent being notified?
 - If a student is in risk teachers are expected to call home
 - If you have suspicions that your child is not living up to the standards and you think they should, please reach out to the teacher. They could be doing well over all.
 - Communication goes both ways.

5. Safety Concerns

- Littering / student misconduct on Downie Crescent and at the Southdale / Adelaide plaza.
- Please encourage your child to stay on property throughout the day, including the lunch hour.
- Students are littering.
- Mr. Bradacs gives his cell number to neighbours.
 - The can call if there is a problem.
 - Asked neighbours not to engage

- Students should not be going to the plaza.
 - Most issues happen at the plaza.
 - Your child is vulnerable if they go there
- We have a cafeteria here and supervision here.

6. Community Outreach

- Successful Grade 9 Family Night – Thursday, September 14
 - Must prep burgers more next time. Took too much time.
 - Precooked burgers
- Exploring the opportunity of having some feeder schools join us to watch future sports games – pep rally too
- Meet the Teacher – Thursday, October 12 from 6 – 8 pm
- Salvation Army is providing 25 bagged lunches for students in need each week
 - Laurier students (DE) come and help prep for all the schools that the Salvation Army feed
 - Food is expensive.
 - Student Volunteer Opportunity
 - Don't come in May for volunteer hours. There is opportunity now. Come now.
 - We have awesome volunteer opportunities
 - We are blessed to have them as our neighbours. Always approach our students with a kind heart
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- We have a teacher who applies for grant money every year. We get about \$20,000 each year
 - If they are hungry we feed them
 - If they wake up late and they say they'll eat at school, don't worry about it.
 - We don't want the ones who need it to feel centered out. So feel welcome to let your child eat

7. Athletics, Clubs and Extra-Curriculars

- Sports in underway

8. Staffing Update

- Hosting a new teacher lunch meeting this Wednesday
- New Staff:
 - Trish Weedmark – Guidance/SIS Secretary
 - Tiphonie Doxtator – EA
 - Jennifer Weekes – EA
 - Christopher Cain –EA
 - Kennedy Vleeming – EA
 - Lucas Ariss – Developmental Education
 - Brianne Horner – Developmental Education
 - Jason Kroeker – Math
 - Sean Borshell – English /LST
 - Ghasaq Kadhim – Family Studies
 - Lindsay Callon – English
 - Katie Ward – Civics & Careers
 - Sanjana Dahiya – Science
 - Sandra Saikaly – Math
 - Angelo Del Vastro – Tech / Transportation
 - Keith Sinke – Tech / Construction
 - Laura Nugent – Social Worker
 - Allison Leger – Social
- Tomorrow new staff lunch in 220.
- New Department Heads
 - Acting English Department Head – Natalie Herr
 - New Student Success Lead – Brad Skeggs
 - Technology Department Head – Stephen Miron
 - Computer Facilitator – Chris Rhiger

9. Communication

- Parents & guardians are encouraged to utilize our school website for the most accurate information
- We will continue to use school messenger to share info

10. Questions and Answers

MB - Some student looks to run new groups as well.

- We don't like to say no to students.
- It comes down to volunteerism.
- We don't often have to say no.

TL to start the elections. It's informal

- Chair – Tracey Langille is happy to continue
- Co Chair – Claudia has said she is happy to continue if that is what is wanted.
 - Julien Barrett would like to be the co-chair and learn from Tracy.
- Secretary – Jen Handsor
- Treasurer – Michelle Murray

Tracy wants tshirts. Hillary and Tracy and Liz can use the cricut and make them.

Do we need to have one other person to be on the bank account? Tracy will follow up with Leisha

New Agenda item

What do Monday and Wednesday nights look like for school council meetings?

- Feeder schools are having their meetings the same night as us.
- Wednesdays would be better. Let's try it and see how it goes.
- 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Other issue is **esports** –

- money well spent.
- It is a significant amount.
- Other teams ask for more.
- Mr. Bradacs would be willing to cover with principals discretionary with future considerations from parent council.
- We have Ms. Nevada as free money. We take that money and look at ways to support the students and we do every year. We want to make sure we are doing all types of supports and student initiatives.
- Can we say that Mr. Bradacs will cover the short term cost and school council will cover at least part of it in the future? There was long talks about it in the spring. At a future meeting deciding on an amount. We will look for the May minutes to see if we made a monetary commitment .
- Voted: we will make a commitment of some amount to be decided later. First we have to figure out the treasurer amount.

Next Meeting

October 18 is the next meeting.

7:40 meeting adjourned



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Laurier Clubs and Teams



We have something for everyone!

CLUB / ACTIVITY	CONTACT	WHEN
A/V Club	Mr. Rhiger	Mon. lunch 1 st half 235
Badminton – Junior	Ms. Sprague	March – April
Badminton – Senior	Ms. Kelley, Mr. Vine	February – April
Baseball	Mr. Miron, Mr. Sidler	April – May
Basketball – Jr Boys	Mr. Thomson, Mr. Bradacs	November to March
Basketball – Jr Girls	Mr. Chapman	September to mid-Nov
Basketball – Sr Boys	Mr. Thomson	November to March
Basketball – Sr Girls	Mr. Thomson, Ms. Dodge	September to mid-Nov
Best Buddies	Ms. Kearns, Ms. Sprague	All year, Thurs. lunch 114
Breakfast Program	Ms. Flynn	All year
Club de français, 12e année	Ms. Clendinning	All year
Cross Country	Ms. Kelley, Mr. Reesor, Mr. Pardo, Ms. Chamberlain	September – November
Curling	Ms. Robinson	October – February
Dungeons and Dragons club	Mr. Stewart	Tues & Thurs 3-4pm library
Eco Club	Ms. Parker	All year – Wed. Lunch
Football – Junior	Mr. McClure, Mr. Eagleson	August – November Football Field
Football – Senior	Mr. Kublinskis, Mr. Cooper	August – November Football Field
Games Club	Mr. Rhiger	Lunch Mon – Fri - Rm 235
Golf - Girls	Ms. Cratt	Fall and Spring
Golf - Boys	Ms. Churney	Fall and Spring
GSA	Ms. Craig, Ms. Oliver, Ms. Chamberlain	All Year – Wed Lunch Rm 124
Healthy Schools Committee	Ms. Telford, Ms. Comly, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Cratt, Ms. Oliver	Last Tuesday of the Month Room 132
Hockey – Boys	Mr. Wagner, Mr. Costa	November – March
Hockey – Girls	Ms. Maes, Ms. Cratt	November – March
Indigenous Support	Ms. Dodge, Ms. Kearns, Ms. Richard, Ms. Stavraky	Bi-Monthly – Friday Maker space - library
Jazz Band	Ms. Hunt	Sept. – May, after school Rm 239 Thurs.
Laurier Black Students Association	Mr. Tamusuza, Ms. Dodge, Ms. Clendinning	Year round, Room 118 Monthly Wednesday
MSA –Muslim Student Association	Mr. Gahnoog	Fridays Rm 131
Music Students' Council	Ms. Manning	Tues. 3 – 4 Rm 238
Radio RAMS	Ms. Clendinning	All year
Ramferno Robotics	Mr. Cooper, Mr. Miron Mr. Rhiger	Rm 102 – Tues 1 st half lunch Tues/Thurs 3 – 5 after school

Rams Run For It	Ms. Comly	Apr–June Wed Lunch 116
Reach for the Top	Ms. Herr	Sept-Apr Thurs. Rm 123
Rugby	Mr. Walters, Mr. Eagleson	All year
Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee	Mr. Bradacs,	All year – 1 st Tues of month Rm 118
School Council	Mr. Bradacs, Mr. Carr	3 rd Tuesday of every month
Soccer – Boys	Ms. Flynn, Ms. Herr	April – May
Soccer – Girls	Ms. Dodge, Ms. Afshar, Ms. Craig	April – May
Student Athletic Association	Ms. Flynn	All year
Students' Council	Ms. McLennan, Ms. Noordermeer, Ms. Gill	All year
Swim Team	Ms. Girard	November – February
Tennis	V. Kelley	April - May
Track & Field	Ms. Maes,, Mme Girard, Mr. Pardo, Ms. Sprague, Ms. Cratt, Ms. Chamberlain	April – June
Ultimate Frisbee Club	Mr. Sidler	Sept - Oct
Volleyball – Jr Boys	Ms. Maes, Ms. Flynn, Ms. Girard	September – November
Volleyball – Jr Girls	Ms. Chamberlain, Ms. Brazeau,	November – February
Volleyball – Sr Boys	Ms. Girard, Ms. Flynn, Ms. Maes	September – November
Volleyball – Sr Girls	Mr. Sidler, Ms. Dodge	November - February
Wrestling	Ms. Stavraký	November - February
Yearbook	Ms. Afshar	