

GBDSS School Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

7pm – School Library

Attendance

Staff

H. McLean

A. Burrage

Community Rep

Elana Durtnall

Student Rep

Karys Littlejohn

Parents

Misty Heikkila

Morgan Stevens

Miranda Weicker

Julie Dyball

Missy Schepers

Rebecca Duke

Candon Jackson-Stickles

Sheila Babcock

Jennifer Passa

Introductions

Student Council Update

- House Rally and House Colours Day
 - Lots of participation, huge success
 - Activities, volleyball, staff vs. student baseball
- Homecoming tomorrow night
 - Fall Harvest theme
 - 7-9 pm at the school
 - Open to all grades, \$5 with student id
 - Tickets and student ids are being sold at the door
 - Concession stand with snacks and drinks
- Sports starting up
 - Girls basketball
 - Cross country
 - Tennis (tbd)
 - Boys volleyball
 - Golf

- Boys soccer
 - Girls flag football
 - Boys 7s rugby
- Clubs started already
 - Student council
 - Bears who care (amalgamation of: go with the flow period poverty, eco team, equity club, Jack.org)
 - New this year: sewing club
- AP chem and French starting this week
- Drama
 - Auditions for Beauty & the Beast next week
 - Senior drama class children's show for elementary students end of October
 - Rent musical in Stratford Tuesday
- Art
 - Working on a doodle gallery
 - Mural with the OPP
 - Two other murals planned for school:
 - One welcoming students of different backgrounds, cultures, and languages in stairwell
- Orange shirt day next Friday

Upcoming:

- Science fair - Mrs. Power - Jan. 15
 - North Simcoe Science Fair
 - Will be aligned to the CWSF categories
 - Open to grades 4-8 from all elementary schools in the area, including homeschooled students, the Catholic board, the French schools, Burkvale, and the French Catholic board
 - Projects can be in English or French
 - We will offer judging by extended French students in the case of francophone entries
 - Registration will be via google docs and form
 - Registration fee \$15
 - Out now for planning for elementary programs
 - We're going to be looking for volunteers for judging from the stem field
 - Will be looking for community sponsors so we can offer monetary prizes for winners and support the fair
 - Involved the school board science coordinators at the elementary and secondary levels
 - Hoping to get a stem speaker (short presentation)
- Terry Fox walk next Tuesday
- Student council
 - Halloween movie screening October 30th
 - Green shirt day for mental health awareness October 10th
 - October 19th - neon day
- Grad assembly for applications and scholarships Monday first period
 - OUAC has a different application this year without pins so applications open October 1st

- Another grad assembly October 26th
- October 12th – post-secondary scholarship info session 7:30
- October 19th – bursary workshop 8am
- October 25th – Academic awards night
- January 8th - 12th – grad photos
- April 25th – spring semi-formal
- June 7th – grad breakfast
- June 13th – prom
- June 19th – athletic banquet
- June 27th – commencement @ NSSRC

Principals Update

- Grade 9 Day on August 30. Students participated in activities, toured the school, got their lockers and enjoyed a free BBQ lunch. They also found out what house they were in for their high school years.
- GBD 101 Workshops for Families – 4 sessions that were full. Walked parent/guardians through Parent Portal, School CashOnline and Brightspace access for parents. Also shared some tips and tricks for GBD.
- Sports have started up again – flag football, rugby 7s, soccer, basketball, volleyball, cross country running, golf.
- Many clubs up and running – band, student council, Bears Who Care. Science Club, drama, Dungeons and Dragons club, board game club, sewing club will start shortly. We also have a new club – Dance club.
- The Breakfast program is up and running. We were successful in our application with PC Children’s Charity Grant. Received \$15,000. This is a lot of money, but are need is much more significant. Last year we calculated that in order to meet the needs in our building, we would need approximately \$30, 000. We have an additional 140 students this year. We will receive funds from Eat Well to Excel (approximately \$6000). Krispy Kreme donuts fundraiser was successful last year. Will repeat again, but hoping to do so in February.
- Phyllis Stanley from Warm and Cozy dropped off outdoor and indoor clothing for students in need.
- We continue to focus on the revival of the house system. Participation in activities throughout the year garners house points.
- Grade 9 Common Curriculum has expanded. Math (2021), Science (2022) and now English. French and Geography is also common curriculum, but there is not yet curriculum from the ministry. The board however, has created various resources to support teachers.
- OSSLT and Grade 9 EQAO math will both take place this year.
- 2 sections of the Ojibwe course running again this year.
- Indigenous Graduation Coach – continuing this year.
- Teacher Professional Development on Sept 20- Assessment and Literacy.
- Culminating Task Days continuing this year. Semester 1 Culminating Task Days fall on December
- Outdoor Garden was finally started over the summer!!!

- Last year by end of year we were able to fundraise for the bleachers. Paperwork has been submitted to board (June) for site preparation.

Upcoming Projects/Activities/Events:

- National Truth and Reconciliation Week is Sept 25-30. We will honour and remember the many children who did not return home from residential schools along with those that did return home but suffered greatly.
- Youth Wellness Hub - working on formal partnership

Voting for 23-24 Council

Chair - Missy Heikkila

Vice-Chair - Morgan Stevens

Open forum

Hailey

Review of some of last year events and success.

Car show confirmed for 2024

Midland Garden Club - Assist with the Green House and Indigenous Garden

Elana

Art Class and OPP joint project. OPP have a C-Can that will be used for storing found items in the community. 20 feet by 8 feet.

Mr. Walker will head along with all art class will work with OPP to beautify the can for the community.

Funding approved by OPP.

Theme to be Southern Georgian Bay version of Where's Waldo

Each art student will create a character that will be hidden in the piece. Art will also feature different divisions.

Projected to be finished in October for print and unveiling in Spring.

Second Harvest Fundraiser/Donations

Pantry in the SS room for students that are in need to take home on the weekends.

Same for Hygiene products

Parent Engagement - Allison

Nutrients of the mind.

Potential speaker Gregory Christopher Lukianoff

Schools collaborated with mentioned Connecting the Dots. Would be a screening
Black History Month - Black Ice Possible screening.

Fundraising

Bleachers are being installed in 23-24 school year.

Scoreboard

Boat Cruise donations from the summer cruise 50/50

Parent and child nights - Yoga, Baking, Dodgeball, Paint Night, Lip sync battle night

Parent event on same night as student but in separate area of the school.

Dates moving forward Wednesdays at 7pm

October, 4th