

SHS SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Annual Report for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

Welcome back! Last year, the school council held *virtual* meetings, gathering typically the last Monday of most months; meeting to discuss various topics such as school enrolment and staffing, school culture, programming, language and SHSM certificates, graduation, PIC committee information, and LDSB updates activities such as the Strategic Plan Survey. These meetings were open to all parents/guardians to encourage input from parents and other school community members. An election for the council positions of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and members was held on September 21, 2022. To be a member of the council, one was expected to be able to attend the monthly meetings. Council by-laws for the election followed the Ministry of Education School Council guidelines. Council sought a representative from the SHS Student Council, SHS staff, the community, and Indigenous families.

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils are advisory organizations. A school Council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the the principal of the school and the school board. Boards and principals are responsible for considering the recommendations made by each school council and for advising the Council (s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

Meetings were informal and meeting attendance and membership included about 10 families. The School Council Chair attended the LDSB Parent Involvement Committee meetings and will chair that committee in 2023-2024. Council advised the school principal and made requests to LDSB, on behalf of students.

It has not been the practice of the Council to do fundraising. The committed group of parents who routinely attended meetings wanted to hear updates about the school and provide a parent perspective. It is a goal of the Council to continue to increase parent and representation in the coming years. The council will need to seek a new community representative, and information will go home in the July summer mailing to all families to encourage involvement next year. In past years, a google form for expressions of interest seemed to encourage involvement and will be done.

Minutes of meetings held, and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office.

The current balance for the Council funds stands at \$2251.57.

Sincerely yours,



R. Saunders on behalf of Chair Vanessa Wood
Principal, OCT (she/her)

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Copy to Stephanie Sartor, Associate Superintendent, LDSB Board Office