



Attendance:

Kelly Crain, Roxanne Saunders, Derek Snider, Krista Sigurdson, Vanessa Wood

6:34pm Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) report - Vanessa

- At the last [PIC](#) meeting the [Kingston Police](#) hosted a Hate Crime Prevention workshop. Unfortunately there were only three members who attended that meeting, so they're running it again at the next PIC meeting.
- A topic that arose was discussing changing the name of the committee to something more inclusive.
- Another issue that arose was applications for [Parents Reaching Out \(PRO\) Grants](#)
 - Vanessa noted that closing dates for PRO Grant applications are mid March and asked the School Council if anyone had ideas about what we could apply for?
 - Some ideas that were floated:
 - [SHSM](#) workshops
 - Financial literacy workshops
 - Roxanne noted that students are often directed to Julia at the [Learning Centre](#)
 - [KEYS](#) was also mentioned as a resource
 - In the past some elementary schools have sent home literacy packages
 - Sexual Health and how it's be influenced by the COVID pandemic
 - In brainstorming ideas Roxanne said that the Grade 8 open house last spring worked really well because it was formatted as a flexible "drop in" type of event (4:00pm-7:00pm)
 - Roxanne also noted that [SALT](#) presentations are well publicised

6:51pm Principal's report

- Roxanne opened by noting that at our next meeting (February 27) a student representative will attend.
- With semester one is wrapping up, this is the first set of exams for many students that includes four courses
 - There are a [few programs](#) set up to help students cope with the added stresses of a multi-course exam schedule
 - Hot chocolate was put on at lunch for students today
 - Our [Public Health Nurse](#) Peter Bearse (who is also a certified teacher) is coming to help students with strategies for coping with exams
 - Bell Lets Talk Day
 - [Kingston 4 Paws](#) in the school in the aerie room and library
 - Students who may have fallen behind are being encouraged to come to the school during exams to work with Student Success teachers on catching up
- Semester two starts February, Roxanne noted that February 3 is a PA day so teachers can prepare.
 - There are still a few positions to fill including
 - an LTO
 - Grade 10 applied science



- There are a few teachers away this Semester
 - Katherine English
 - Bryan English
 - Katie May
 - Scott Cashol
- Rob M'Dougall is moving to Student Success this semester
- Students should be able to see who their teachers in Aspen through the [MindsOnline](#) portal

There will be a Grade 8 course information night held on February 15 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

7:00pm

Winter sports season has started but practices are stopping during exams

Some spring sports are starting early - Hurdling practice has already started

For students in 9th grade who have Math in semester one, [EQAO math](#) is their exam. Another Math EQAO assessment will be scheduled in the spring.

Many students elected to attempt the [Literacy Test](#) in the fall an Roxanne noted that the school was very happy with the results

The [HAAS](#) machine has been installed but tools still need to be purchased.

The semi-formal dance held in December had a great turnout and students are talking about having another dance in May

7:12pm meeting adjourned

Future School Council dates:

- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 29
- June 19

Next meeting will be February 27 2023, 6:30-8:00pm