



Attendance:

Kathy Barr, Kelly Crain, Kathy Frenette, Kelly Reade, Roxanne Saunders, Molly Slate, Derek Snider, Natasha Vankoughnett, Vanessa Wood

6:32pm Introduction of new principle - Molly Slate

Coming from an elementary school, Molly and Roxanne worked together at LCVI ~8-9 years ago. Molly was previously at SHS in 2012 covering for Brent Pickering

6:35pm Minutes

- Tabled to June meeting

Kristen Stevens is also joining as a new VP, they live very close to the school

6:36pm Chair Report

- PIC meeting was held on May 4
- Kathy Frenette also attended
- The meeting focussed on:
 - Expanding opportunities - SHSM, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship... pathways outside of uni/college
 - Director Burrah discussed the strategic plan - mission/vision/values focussed on the level of students
 - Reviewing destreaming survey results and how to prep grade 7 & 8 for grade 9
 - Pillars of wellness innovation and collaboration
 - Centralize data collection for surveys that have come out
 - PRO grants completed/pushed through
 - Kingston pride parade June 17 12-2pm
 - Napanee pride parade June 3 11am
 - Looking for feedback on PIC topics
 - Human Trafficking presentation
 - Limestone indigenous team
- On May 15 there was a virtual provincial PIC meeting held over lunch time
 - It opened with tutoring/support programs as a priority.
 - They want to plan to allow students in grade 11 to transition to trades / apprenticeships
 - Updates to grade 10 career studies curriculum and mandatory resources for mental health grades 7 and 8
 - Topics of breakouts were
 - Financial support
 - School safety
 - Mental health

The foodshare project is in dire need of donations or financial support. In 2019 prior to COVID the foodshare program sent ~\$12,000/week to schools. Today it is closer to \$25,000/week.



For the period of September 1 to March 31, SHS was sent \$14,600 in foodshare funding. By comparison, over the same period all of LDSB spent ~\$630,000

The culinary program is contributing to the foodshare program at SHS

For the 2023/2023 school year, the foodshare project is looking to reduce their budget by ~10%.

6:50pm **Strategic Plan Consultation**

There are two ways feedback is being collected by the school board: qualtrics and thought exchange

Roxanne explained the [thought exchange survey](#)

Roxanne stressed that it's important that our voices be heard (School council in particular)

7:00pm **Principals report**

2023/2024 enrolment is projected to be slightly higher than this year

For staffing, we're starting the school year with same number of sections as this year

Vanessa asked whether the school knew how many grade 12 students were returning next year - no answer yet

Roxanne explained that staffing is centralized with the first staffing meeting held on May 25, and the next one on June 7. Staffing continues through to the beginning of July. Next year's timetable is built, but they're still moving a few courses.

Student services staff by grade and review each student's requested timetable.

By June 12/13 schedules should be sent home. Probably won't allow timetable changes early due to grad planning. Parents will be able to make timetable changes online (booking will be open in June)

Grade 9 students will receive their timetable in the welcome letter in the beginning of July

Vanessa received a Prism email about a waiting list - Roxanne said that means her child has picked an e-learning course not run by LDSB

Kathy Frenette pointed out that summer school for Layla's registration for careers/civics came through Prism

7:07pm Roxanne informed council that there is a new community initiative called Porch, run through [oneroof](#). It's an RV that travels to rural communities providing services usually available to students in the city. One of the services offered is prescriptions written by public health nurses.

Kathy Frenette said the nurses name is Margaret McNabb and can provide support such as epipens, mental health, sexual health



Their next visit to Sydenham is June 16 - Roxanne asked for a one-pager of what services will be available over the summer

7:14pm Front yard project is coming along.

Upcoming events:

- May 29 Junior mathletes are competing at RND
- May 29/30 Track & Field East regionals in Ottawa
- June is Pride month
- June 11 Alumni Soccer tournament vs Senior Soccer Team
- June 11/12 Grade 9/10 Rugby tournament in Belleville
- June 13 4pm athletic banquet - families are welcome
- June 19 Last day of classes for Grade 12s
- June 21 Last day of classes for Grades 9-11
- June 29 2pm graduation ceremony
- June 30 Prom - at a hotel downtown. Tickets are \$75

7:16pm **Computers**

This past year, grade 9s were issued individual laptops. The program is continuing with more funding for next year.

Roxanne will be submitting a request for lab requirements for next year and will be requesting the lab be refurbished as well.

Vanessa and Roxanne talked about putting together a summer letter from school council. We might include ideas/questions regarding PIC involvement next year in the summer letter

At the next meeting, we need to pick a School council election date. The election is usually held some time in the third week of September.

An annual report has been drafted by Vanessa and Roxanne and will be submitted early in June

Treasurer's report - balance is \$2,251.57

Should get another \$500 in the fall from the annual report

7:28pm - Who is organizing graduation? Answer: Michelle Fraser
Grad will be in the gym

Vanessa confirmed 6:30 June 19 for last Parent Council

Vanessa asked whether grade 10s have recovered from their relatively poor performance in semester 1.

Kathy Frenette asked about EQAO - is it part of the exam and if so, if it's not marked by teachers, how?. Roxanne explained that EQAO can be 10-30% of a student's final grade. At SHS, it can be 30% of their grade, but only if it helps to improve their final grade.



7:43pm **Co-President Elections**

- Michelle Plumb is providing the date
- Candidates will create a 2min video to be broadcast to all classes with elections being held the same day.
- They're talking about getting students to speak in public.
- Some schools have gone away from elections.
- Students have chosen to have the student body vote for next year

7:45pm Thanks from Roxanne to the school council for being involved.

7:47pm meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be June 19 2023, 6:30-8:00pm