



**Attendance:**

Kelly Crain, Kathy and Kris Frenette, Roxanne Saunders, Derek Snider, Krista Sigurdson, Vanessa Wood, Natasha Vankoughnett

6:41pm (Derek joined late, so this section is lacking a bit of context...)

Roxanne said there are 14 students in the February class. There will be a period 4 class for grade 9s and maybe period 2 resource support - which would make a teacher available specifically for destreamed grade 9 (math?) students. Roxanne pointed out that there are already IDC tutors for english.

**Midterm reports** were just sent home - The reports help identify groups that need attention and right now it's specifically grade 10s(?). For those struggling the plan is for students to stay with student services to focus for a week to catch up after midterm reports. This is targeting IR25 students, IR35 students will have parents directly contacted by the school. For math it's recommended to try [TVO Mathify](#) or [LDSB online tutoring](#) through MicroSoft Teams. Roxanne noted that it's generally hard to find tutors right now.

6:45pm **Open House**

The Open House was an experiment and we won't be having another one. In the spring we will be returning to a traditional parent/guardian night where you can meet with specific teachers by appointment in the gym and/or cafeteria.

6:49pm **Literacy Test** has been happening online. If students don't do well they can try again or take a course that counts toward one of the four english credits required to graduate.

Grade 9 [EQAO math](#) will be scheduled during exam time. The exam schedule has been posted. Students may be asked to attend classes during exam time to make up some incomplete coursework

**School Activities:**

- There was a PA day on November 25
- Club carousel for students being showcased by students
- Semi formal is Friday December 2 from 7-10pm. Roxanne and VPs will be there
- Maureen has been reviewing rules surrounding a dance. We're expecting ~200 students
- Syds Cafe was last week in the new drama room and it was a pretty full house
- Band participated in the santa claus parade on November 26th as well as performing in the Remembrance Day ceremony where they played as photos submitted by families were displayed
- On December 7/8th the band is going to elementary schools to play
- On the 15th (Rescheduled to December 19) the band will also be performing a Holiday Concert
- There is a plan to explore staging a smaller play in the Spring
- Steve McLagan has organized an interactive educational bus to come to the school on November 29 to learn about Ukraine



- There will be a Holiday show during the day (last period) on December 22nd organized by student council. A Pancake breakfast will be prepared on the same day by the staff

### **Student Advocacy Group - what do the kids need?**

Cafeteria is up and running. Sales are good and students seem to be enjoying working in the cafeteria during lunch.

The *Technology Department* has discovered vinyl cutter and students vinyling the entire school with signage

We have a new machine coming into the machine shop on December 7: A [HAAS](#) machine (costing ~\$68,000) as well as a plasma cutter

Displays are being upgraded: working with [OYAP](#) (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program). The point of contact is Courtney Soucy. Students can accumulate apprenticeship hours if they're registered with the coordinator. One of the areas identified is a corner near the computer lab (Room 002) where students sit on the floor and the idea is to get some chairs there.

Chainsaw certification is happening at the school on November 30 - Part of the course will happen at SHS and part will be at ESS. All students in [SHSM](#) get certified for:

- [WHMIS](#)
- First AID
- CPR

and then specialize further depending on the program. Currently there are approximately 50 students in SHSM. If you're registered in the program, funding is provided for required tools.

Vanessa asked about how students are handling the switch semesters and Roxanne said that based on midterm report cards the grade 10s seem to be struggling the most.

Vanessa said that [Julie Lalonde](#) will be hosting a bystander intervention workshop for all grade 9 classes. The workshop is scheduled for November 30. It's a one hour webinar that focuses on strategies for helping kids to intervene and also how to protect themselves.

Vanessa asked whether the [school calendar](#) could start being updated with important events. She cited the upcoming semi formal as an example of something that would be nice to see posted. Also suggested were some athletic events like the Bubba Bowl.

Roxanne asked how we could thank parents for coming out to events? On that note, Vanessa had sent out a survey and received 8 responses. It was suggested that the February council meeting could possibly include a dinner put on by the cafeteria?

What was the feedback about homes not having access to the internet? During COVID lockdown SHS issued approximately 40 hotspots and 100 chromebooks.



7:28pm

Ron Vandewal has stepped down as community representative of SHS School Council.

Time was spent selecting dates for School Council Meetings for the rest of the year (All meetings run 6:30pm - 8:00pm):

- January 9
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 29
- June 19

Derek talked about the [South Frontenac Budget Survey](#) and pointed out it was interesting that one of the questions was regarding setting up a commuter transit service to Kingston, which could be beneficial for working students.

7:37pm meeting adjourned

***Next meeting will be January 9 2023, 6:30-8:00pm***