Attendance:
Sid Anjilvel, Julie Bomba, Katherine English, Liz Kay, Darren Rayner, Molly Slate, Derek Snider, Brenda Taylor

7:00pm **Introductions**

7:04pm **Approval of June 2026 minutes**
Approved

Approval of Agenda
Approved with removal of time on Safe School item

7:05pm **SAC Elections**

- Chair: Derek Snider
- Indigenous Family: vacant
- PIC: Sid Anjilvel
- Safe Schools: Julie Bomba
- Secretary: Liz Kay
- Staff Rep: Katherine English
- Treasurer: Molly Slate
- Vice chair: Darren Rayner

~~*7:08pm* **Chair Report**~~

Student Report - Molly

- Vacant until student council appoints/elects
- Holding grade rep elections as a part of the pep rally
- Molly will invite Poppy and Audrey (co-presidents) to the first meeting

Staff Perspective - Katherine

- 3 -> 4 -> 5 days has gone well
- From a time-tabling perspective they left after day 3 feeling like everyone was settled
- The students appear happy to be back
- Katherine is the grade 12 guidance counselor - meeting with 12th graders on Wednesday in period 2 regarding applications.
- Darren noted that the new schedule has been pretty good
    - Katherine observed that students appear to be actually eating lunch at 11
    - Liz says her son has found it difficult
- Yearbooks just arrived and should be distributed Thursday or Friday. They sold over 300 yearbooks
- Picture day is September 22
- Grad photos will be in December
- Grade 9 day moved to next Thursday September 24th

7:17pm **Principal's Report** - Molly

- Up in numbers slightly over what was projected at the end of last year
    - There are definitely some big/full classes
    - There was just one round of interviews

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- September 1 was the first PA day
    - Spent time looking at secondary program updates focussing on Assessment & Evaluation surrounding attendance and participation
    - The province has said "*Attendance and participation now count for 15 per cent of final grades in Grades 9 and 10, and 10 per cent in Grades 11 and 12, while ensuring students are not penalized for excused absences.*"
    - On Thursday September 17 a group of secondary school teachers (and admin) will spend the day at LDSB to discuss
    - Parents definitely have concerns about what the attendance grade will look like.
    - Attendance codes - things like illness, bereavement, holy days, school activities are considered a "g-code" (which means an absence is excused).
    - A question they're trying to answer is "In what scenarios are parent approved absences excusable?"
    - Course outlines had to be updated (along with assessment plans)
        - A written exam is now required in every course (even classes like tech/woodshop - what does that look like?)
        - Locally developed and workplace classes do not have written exams. It used to be 30% had to be assessed at the end of a course, now they might have a 20% project at the end.
        - Molly said that right now they're looking at an exam schedule where all classes in period 1 occur on day 1, period 2 on day 2, etc…
        - Derek asked whether the exam period will be extended. Molly said it will not be
        - Liz pointed out that we might have a situation where multiple classes for the same course will have exams on different days (For example, there are many instances of grade 9 math). There could be 3 grade 9 math exams across various days
- Grade 10 history curriculum has been updated.
- Careers students have to complete a financial literacy graduation requirement
- September 29 - "Level Up!" skilled trades fair is happening at Slush Puppie Place
- Cafeteria service is running at lunch time
    - Beja Mallen is teaching hospitality alone.
    - Last year they prepared food in the new kitchen and trucked food to the cafeteria but it is difficult to manage with just one person
    - This year the food share remains in the cafeteria.
    - Free salad, soup, and breadsticks are also prepared free every day as well as frozen meals (provided through grants)
- Emergency procedures completed this week. Police were on-site to practice lockdowns
- Julie asked "do we know when grad and prom will be?"
    - Katherine said graduation is Monday June 28 2-4pm (exams are 21-25)
    - Prom is not a school organized event but it's generally after grad
- We have a new ACW (adolescent care worker) this year - Carrie Amodeo (Josh Goodfellow went to North Addington). Madison the service dog is back
- Fall Parent / Guardian evening October 7 6:30-8:30 (grade 12 info session at 5:30)
- Sprint Parent / Guardian night is March 10

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7:41pm **Treasurer's Report** - Molly

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7:42pm **Safe School**

- Molly said nothing is scheduled yet but noted that several schools are moving to a model where school council is their safe school group
- As an organisation, the Safe School group is supposed to have the following representatives: parent, community, teacher

7:48pm **Schedule SAC meeting dates**

All meetings are planned to be hosted in the school library at 7pm

- October 19
- November 30
- January 18
- February 22
- April 12
- May 17
- June 14

Additional Items

Tabling Youth & Money schedule to the October 19 meeting

7:55pm meeting adjourned

The next meeting will be October 19 at 7:00pm in the Library.

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