Attendance:
Katherine English, Elizabethi Kay, Darren Rayner, Molly Slate, Derek Snider, Brenda Taylor, Jill Rayner, August Andrews
Regrets: Julie Bomba, Sid Anjilvel

Call to order: 7pm

Approval of September 2026 minutes
Approved as amended
Introductions
Round table introduction of new members

Approval of Agenda

Chair Report - Derek
- Should we be posting the minutes;
- Can we approve them remotely prior to the next meeting?
- Liz (Secretary) will attempt to get minutes out to the group for approval within a week. Group will have 24 hours to amend, followed by a vote to approve.
- PIC meeting on October 22 at LDSB Education Centre 6pm; Sid to attend.
- School Advisory Council executive members now require a CPIC. Molly will resend email with the required information and link to upload.

Student Report - August
- 1st round of student IDs were handed out by Student Council
- Student IDs are used for access to school events (e.g. dances) as well as for discounts at some local businesses.
- Candygrams for sale at break/lunch the week of October 19-23 and the 27-29. They will be handed out prior to Halloween. Candygrams are available by cash or card. Students can purchase a “trick” or a “treat”
- Spirit week is the week of October 26-30. Events include “anything but a backpack” and trick-or-treating
- Student Council looking to set up a Google Form for student feedback to bring student voice to staff and SAC
- Molly brought up that the school will be doing a Student Voice survey this year as well.

Staff Perspective - Katherine
- Life at SHS continues to be busy
- There are 4 SHSM (Specialist High Skills Majors) progams running at SHS.
    - SHSM is offered in Transportation, Arts and Culture, Hospitality and Tourism, Manufacturing.
    - Students in grade 11/12 need to register for SHSM by the end of October for
    - Certification as part of SHSM can be earned in areas such as CPR/First Aid, Chainsaw safety and Working at Heights

    - There are approximately 100 students registered in one of the SHSM programs
- Academic awards were celebrated last week on Friday, followed by a Pep Rally
- Mid-term report cards will be distributed by November 19

Principal's Report - Molly

- EQAO results from last year are in.
    - SHS has continued outperforming the Board and the Province
    - OSSLT 84% (LDSB 81%).
    - Looking back at grade 6 results, many students have increased their standing.
    - Math 63% had a level 3 or 4 (LDSB 53%)
    - This cohort also saw an improvement from results in grade 6
    - This year's OSSLT will take place in November.
    - EQAO Math will take place at the end of January or June depending on what semester students take Math in.
    - The new Financial Literacy test took place as part of the Grade 10 Careers course. All students who took the test were successful.
- No update at this time on Teacher and Education Worker negotiations; Strike votes are planned by most of the Unions representing these groups. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.
- Terry Fox Run took place down at the track. SHS raised about $3000. Cookies were offered to participants in the cafeteria after the run to attract students to the Club Carousel
- Jr Football this Thursday (October 22) at Noon.
    - The priority is for students to be in class and parents are encouraged to not sign students out for the game. There will be opportunities for students to attend games after school hours.
- The LDSB has sent out communication to parents late-September to explain the new attendance policy.
- LDSB Attendance and Participation Policy Information for Families
- Parent/Teacher night took place on October 7.
- Community Bingo took place in SHS cafeteria.
    - $1000 in prize money was given out and $1800 profit will support winter clothes and tool supplies to co-op students.
- Longer term, the school would like a new score board at the Football field. The current one is no longer working.
    - Cost will be about 20k. Fundraising and income ideas are being worked on by staff.
- High school opened to the village for Halloween Trick or treating for the first time last year. We are planning to do so again.
- Lots of field trips are planned.
    - So far, students were able to attend SWAC at St. Lawrence College, and Level-up trades show at Slush Puppie Place.

Treasurer's Report - Molly

- $3118.76 is currently in the account

Safe School Report - Molly

- No meeting has taken place yet.
- Meeting will take place after the Student Voice Surveys have been completed and data is available to share

Additional Items

- Pro grant/Youth and Money - Katherine
    - The plan is to run the event again this winter/spring
    - Dates TBD (likely after March Break)
    - We will revisit the initiative next meeting
- Reading program initiative- Jill Rayner
    - Approached SAC about a donation to assist the school in encouraging reading
    - She has purchased 30 new titles to be delivered to school next week
    - Idea to have points-based reading initiative: Students will get points for reading books; referring friends to the Library. Prizes will be awarded to students who participate and those who read the most. All students who participate will get a small prize.
    - Molly will consult with staff to see if/how to action the program.

Meeting adjourned: 8pm

The next meeting will be November 30 at 7:00pm in the Library.