

Laura Secord Secondary School
SCHOOL COUNCIL - Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Ruth Hernder - Principal
Cathy Sonier - Co-Chair
Jennifer Johnson - Co-Chair
Jean Kozela - Treasurer
Tracey Turavani – EVC Chair
Leslie Wilson - Guidance
Kyle Martin – Student Union President
Abby Johnstone – Head Prefect
Jeanette Johnstone
Sandy Cowan
Michelle Ticknor

Regrets

Lori Blake – Secretary
Kelly Vlaar
Richard Juritsch
LeaAnn Pyne

1 Call to Order & Welcome

- Jennifer welcomed everyone in attendance
- Time of 7:05

2 Adoption of Agenda

- No changes needed
- Adopted

3 Review and Approval of January Minutes

- Minutes were approved, with changes to Financials approved by Jean
- 1st – Jennifer J
- 2nd - Jean K

4 Correspondence

- Jennifer mentioned an email she and Cathy S. received from the PIC to attend a networking event on March 7th with chairs and co-chairs from other schools.
- Flyers have been created about the “*MAKE CHANGE FOR KIDS PROGRAM*”
 - We put the box to collect money when we have events such as open houses.
- Jennifer J and Cathy S, plan to RSVP their intent to attend
- Jennifer will add the flyers to the school council tote. This could help serve as a reminder to get the box from the office too.

5 Reports

5A. STUDENT UNION BY KYLE

February 9th – Semi-Formal.

- Kyle thanks all the chaperones, parents and teachers who attended to help supervise.
 - He also thanks all the volunteers who helped clean up at the end of the night.
 - They made \$1000.00 in profit from the night – which they are happy with.
 - They had 193 kids buy tickets.
 - The DJ, was okay – they had some complaints because not everyone knew the music he was playing
 - Pictures were awesome. The photographer did a great job.
 - They loved the backdrop he provided.
- No action required
 - Ticket prices will remain the same for next year, even though they made a profit – to be used as a buffer
 - Next year the DJ will be given a set list to play more songs that are current and that the kids want to hear
 - Will have ropes to help people line up for pictures next year.
 - Pictures should be out by Thursday Feb 4, 2018
 - An announcement will go out to let everyone in the school now about the treats

Valentine's Day – February 14, 2018

- There will be Hot Chocolate and candy available in the café for free – to celebrate Valentine's day.

Leprechaun Auction – March 9th

- This will be advertised for all those who want to participate. Participants will need to make a slide show which will be approved.
 - Kids will bid on the Leprechaun of their choice.
 - They are considering doing a lunch and basketball game with owner of leprechauns and leprechauns.
- Leprechauns will perform their duties the Monday after March Break. There will be guidelines of what leprechauns can and cannot do.

Student Union Shirts

- They are ordering new shirts. Most people should have handed in their sizes.
- Kyle to order shirts for student union – once sizes are confirmed.

Concession Support for Musical

- There are some student union members and prefects that are not in the show who will be available to support the concessions
- Kyle and Abby will confirm who is available and hopefully will fill up the open spots.

5B PREFECT REPORT, BY ABBY JOHNSTONE

Upcoming meeting tomorrow

- We will be working out schedule for the matinee performance for the show on Feb 21, 27 and 28th
- They will be ushering students to seats, assisting with wheelchairs and keeping hallways clear and quiet.

Lunch Duties for Prefects

- They have made some changes to the schedule, as the prefects schedules changed during semester 2.
- Assisting with teachers during lunch and ensuring a teacher is on duty in the café.

Youth Ultimate Dodgeball Challenge

- They are hoping to get a team together of prefects to participate, but some have an obligation to participate with the Athletic Group, to compete at the games on March 2nd
- It will need to be determined if they can get enough people to join them

Report Cards

- Report cards were handed out in MSIP today. There were some scheduled changes for some prefects and last-minute fill-ins for people who were sick, but the job was done.
- Looking at modifying the way the report cards are handed out – maybe using signs to be organized.

5C. GUIDANCE REPORT, BY LESLIE WILSON

E-learning

- Currently there are 23 kids enrolled, but that does not mean they were all stay. Not everyone is suited for e-learning
- No action required

Grade 8

- All schools have had the kids visit and tour. Now the kids are doing their course selection. Students will select what courses they want and the administration will need to see if it is possible with the numbers and teacher available.
- Course selection may change based on availability

Dual Credits

- This is great for students who may need learning opportunities outside of high school and who would benefit from a college or apprenticeship experience to complete their OSSD
- The kids earn high school credits while studying at a local college or taking apprenticeship training.

Currently mostly grade 12s are taking the program. It has been very successful.

Course Verification forms

- Should be handed in and signed.

There should be no changes after May 1st. because schedules will be done then.

Grade 12's

- Spring interviews for graduating student will begin in April.
- Spring Grad Assembly is April 11th
- Grad Breakfast / Rehearsal is May 16th.
- Any student not completed with their community hours will be removed from the grad list on May 31st.

Parents and grade 12's to keep these dates in mind, as they are getting closer.

Valedictorian nominations

- Forms will be available in April and are due on April 27th.

The students will take a vote at the Grad Breakfast / Rehearsal.

Rotary Medal

- Staff will be nominating graduating students for the Award. There is one male and one female award.

Staff will make their selection before graduation

OSAP

- All students have been told to apply, regardless of financial status. They have been told if they don't need the money – bank it, when the loan is due pay back the amount and keep the interest.
- *Commencement* will be on June 28th at 6pm.
- *Commencement awards* we are in the process of set up and selections.

OASP can be completed when family income taxes are completed this spring.

Invitations and letters will go out to potential grads at the end of June.

The web page will have all the updated information

PRINCIPALS REPORT, BY RUTH HERNDER

Pd Day

- Feb 16, 2018

No action required

Family Day

- Feb 19, 2018

No action required

Pink Shirt Day

- Feb 28, 2018

Kids will be encouraged to wear their pink shirts in support of the day

White Pine book club.

- Meets every Monday at Lunch.

The list of books they discuss

- They get together and discuss the books and do some themes events surrounding them. is on the poster in the library.

Applying for the Premiers Grant

- This grant supports what we have been doing in the school to support students who need a break from time to time. And with the mental health night was hosted last year. Jennifer Johnson & Cathy Sonier are listed on the grant as parents. Lauren Nakri, a student is also writing a letter to reflect the positive changes at Laura Secord over the past couple of years with the initiatives that have taken place.

MASCOT

- An order placed for an official LS Mascot. It is the Patriot holding a flag A name will need to be selected for him, once he arrives

OSSLT

- Will be April 10th for all Grade 10s

5E. TREASURER’S REPORT, BY JEAN KOZELA

- All accounts are the same. Jean will provide more updates at the next meeting
- There will be an application going out for tickets and we are anticipating a deposit from ticket sales and from Concession sales at the musical

Program Ad, in Adams Family Musical

- Council paid \$200.00 for an ad in the musical program inviting parents to join us in School Council. In exchange we will be supplied free tickets for the show. Council voted to donate the tickets back to the director to supply to people at the director’s discretion.

Concessions for Musical

- We need 8 – 10 people for concession sales. Doors open at 630 Volunteers to come at 5pm on Feb 22nd and March 1st, as there will be more set up to do. All other night’s volunteers can arrive at 5:30 pm.

Concession supplies

- Jean K and Jennifer J have all the supplies needed or will pick them up prior to the first night on Feb 22, 2018.
- Cookies, squares & brownies will be bought at Costco
- Water will be purchased from Rexall
- Gluten Free Muffins will be donated by O'Doughs

A list will go out as a reminder of what people need to do or bring for the concessions.

Poster for Concessions

- A poster is required to let people know where the proceeds from the concessions will be going. It was requested that a visual arts DNA student do this.
- Tracey T. volunteered her daughter who is in DNA for Visual Art

A poster will be made for the first night and brought to the school.

5F Event Volunteer Committee (EVC), by Tracey Turavani

Semi

- There were 4 people who volunteered for Semi on Feb. 9th.
- Cathy S, Jennifer J and Kelly V.
- Lori B also volunteered, but was ill that evening.

Event went smoothly. It was reported to be lots of fun and the kids were all well behaved.

6 Adoption of Reports

Jennifer J – motioned
Cathy – 2nd

7 Other Business

PRO Grant Sub-Committee

- A group met before the meeting and narrowed down some topics. Which included:
 - Motivating students to reach success. With Keynote speaker Karyn Gordon and would include breakout sessions
 - A vision board workshop
 - Looking at financing for post-secondary.

Sandy will give all information to Kelly V that was compiled. Another meeting to be scheduled for (time and date TBD)

Council Hoodies

Orders have been sent in. There may be an additional fee because we did not meet minimum numbers for the prices provided.

Council Group Photo

A photo was requested by Mike Balsam for the website. Leslie Wilson took some of the group

Photo to be sent to Mike Balsam to be posted on website.

8 Next meeting date

- Monday, April 9th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Library Learning Commons
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Tracey Turavani