

Laura Secord Secondary School
SCHOOL COUNCIL - Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Ruth Hernder - Principal
Pratima Burton – Vice Principal
Cathy Sonier - Co-Chair
Jennifer Johnson - Co-Chair
Jean Kozela - Treasurer
Lori Blake – Acting Secretary
Kelly Vlaar
Richard Juritsch
Tracey Turavani
Michelle Ticknor
Sandy Cowan
LeaAnn Pyne
Rebecca Golden
Jeanette Johnstone
Kyle Martin – Student Union President
Abby Johnstone – Head Prefect
Lena Hall – Brock University
Phoenix Aversa – Brock University
Kristen Smith – Brock University
Ethan Lando – Brock University

Regrets

Leslie Wilson (Guidance)
Stephanie Plue

1 Call to Order & Welcome

Cathy S.

- Cathy S. and Jennifer J. welcomed everyone in attendance
- Current Executive members introduced themselves and provided a little information about themselves and why they chose to be a part of the council
- Following introductions from current Executive members, everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their connection to the school
- There were 4 Brock University Teacher Candidates in attendance and they advised that as part of their program, they must attend a school council or school board meeting and take notes
- Jennifer Johnson provided an overview of what the council members do

Nominations of New Parent Members

- Richard explained the process
- Parents of Secord students wishing to become Council Members submitted their self-nomination forms

- All forms were collected by Richard
- Richard then passed out a list of all nominees
- Motion to pass acceptance or vote on of all nominations
- Motion passed for the new Membership of the Council

Tracey T. – motioned
 Cathy S. - second
 Jennifer J. – motioned
 Cathy S. – second

2 **Adoption of Agenda**

3 **Review and Approval of May Minutes**

Cathy S. – motioned
 Jennifer J. – second

4 **Correspondence**

No correspondence

5 **Reports**

Kyle M.

a *Student Union Report*

Cow Olympics is being held this Friday, September 15, 2017

This year a new list of events has been planned, a list has been made and supplies are being purchased. There will be 10 events and 2 finishing events – slip & slide, paint twister, cheerios toss, tea and cover/over/under, rest stop, 3 legged race with distractions and rock/paper/scissors

Coffee House – Approval has been received, to be held on September 21, 2017, time to be determined, sign up sheet has been put up and it will be announced and added to the Facebook page, chaperones will be needed

Student Union – there will be a push for grade 9's to join Student Union

Elections – to be held

Parent Night – Thursday night, a rep from Student Union will be in attendance

b *Prefect Report*

Abby J.

They have held 2 meeting so far, Tuesday, the 5th of September, 2017, met with Jump Mentors to discuss their roles

On the 13th of September, 2017, they will be assisting with the Grade 9 Assembly, ushering the students to the Assembly and then back to class

On the 14th of September, 2017, they will be helping out with the Grade 9 Information Night for parents and students

The Prefect's will also help on picture day, which is yet to be determined

There are 15 new members, 39 or 40 total

c *Principal Report*

Ruth H.

- Mr. Scull is retiring
- New staff includes S. Daniels (English/Math), J. Edwards (Phys. Ed), D. Harrington (Chemistry), M. Hunter (History), T. Jabs (Phys. Ed), C. Wilcox (Art), K. Capes (Communications Tech), J. Kaestner (French), S. Polich (Tech Design)
- Enrollment as of September is 591
- Laura Secord Website www.laurasecord.org
- First early release date is September 15, 2017
- The Honour Award Celebration is planned for October 18, 2017, but the planning is still in the works, it is hopeful that the event can be held at the school
- PA Day is October 6, 2017
- Progress Reports on October 10, 2017, first report of the semester
- Semester 1, Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held on October 26, 2017, parents are invited to register on line

d *Treasurer's Report*

Jean K.

Jean provided an overview of how the school raised money so that fundraisers did not have to be held throughout the year. She also provided an overview of what her role is as Treasurer PRO-GRANT – mental health fair, final bill was submitted for payment

Deposited \$150.00 which were funds received from the purchase of beverages at the mental health fair

With respect to the Financial Report, this is usually due the first week of August each year, but it's usually done the first week of school and submitted, it was suggested that the Financial Report be provided to council

With respect to Banking Summary, in the General account, there is a balance of \$276.98 and in the Nevada account, there is a balance of \$1,945.08, for a total of \$2,222.06

These funds are allocated as follows:

Scholarships (5 x \$250 for 2018) = \$1,250

Graduation Caps – 2017-2018 = \$500

Student Union Start Up – September 2018 - \$200.00

Available funds for September 2018 council - \$272.06

e *Event Volunteer Committee (EVC)*

Jennifer J.

June 2017 – Graduation Ceremony

Jennifer J. advised that she and Cathy S. attended the

graduation ceremony, but they did not speak
Cathy S. was the presenter of Council Scholarships
Recipients were Chris Botts, Rachel DeGasparis, Victoria
Lancaster, Colton Peters and Tristan Vermolen

Thanks to Richard J. and Jane V. who helped serve cake and
juice in the new café afterwards

August 29 & 30, 2017 – Registration

Jennifer J. advised that a welcome and information table was
set up in the cafeteria during registration

Richard J. kindly volunteered for the 29th all day (Grades 11 &
12)

Richard J. also made up a "Rosetta Stone" for the class codes
and a mini flyer with our contact information and first meeting
date was available

Interest was low, but thanks to Richard J. as he was there to
help

On the 30th, Jennifer J. and Kelly V. took the morning session
and Jennifer J. and Richard J. took the afternoon session. It was
busier and a few new parents signed up for EVC and the
mailing list. A number of flyers and nomination forms were
given out

It was suggested that a table be set up at Grade 9 Information
Night – it was left that people could volunteer.

6 Adoption of Reports

Jean K. – motioned
Cathy S. – second

7 Other Business

- Richard J. and Jean K. were nominated as Community
Members
- Nomination & Election of 2017-2018 Slate of Officers
 - o Chair/Co-Chairs, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary,
EVC Chair
 - o Richard J. provided information regarding Slate of
Officers, read by the By-laws
 - o Lori B. and Tracey T. nominated Cathy S. and
Jennifer J. as Co-Chairs, Cathy S. and Jennifer J.
accepted
 - o Cathy S. nominated Lori B. as Secretary, Lori B.

Cathy S. – motioned
Jennifer J. - second

- accepted
- Cathy S. nominated Jean K. as Treasurer, Jean K. accepted
- EVC Chair – Tracey T. volunteered and was accepted

Laura Secord Secondary School website
www.laurasecord.org/home

General discussion

DSBN – School Councils website
www.dsbnschoolcouncils.org/pic/schoolcouncil.html

Ministry website for Guide for School Councils
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/guide.html

Mike Balsom has updated us on Laura Secord Secondary School website, the agenda will be on school website as well.

PRO GRANT – It was explained to the new parents about the mental health fair and that perhaps council could come up with ideas for next year.

It was suggested that t-shirts be ordered for council members attending school functions so that they would stand out. The council members could make a decision as to whether or not they wanted to order one. Jennifer J. advised that C. Crosbie would be a good contact person to find out about placing an order.

Jennifer J. also advised that C. Crosbie found a Laura Secord hoodie that could possibly be used by one of the council members. To determine who would get it, perhaps a raffle could be held to see who would get the hoodie. This can be determined once it's decided whether or not council members would wear t-shirts at school functions.

Meeting dates for 2017-2018 year:

October 16, 2017

November 13, 2017

January 8, 2018

February 12, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018 – social event

There are no council meetings in December or March because of Christmas and March break

- 8 Next meeting date is Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm to be held in the Library Learning Commons.

