

Laura Secord Secondary School
SCHOOL COUNCIL - Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Ruth Hernder - Principal
Pratima Burton – Vice Principal
Leslie Wilson - Guidance
Cathy Sonier - Co-Chair
Jennifer Johnson - Co-Chair
Jean Kozela - Treasurer
Lori Blake – Secretary
Tracey Turavani – EVC Chair
Kelly Vlaar – PRO Grant
Richard Juritsch
Michelle Ticknor
Sandy Cowan
Rebecca Golden
Jeanette Johnstone
Kyle Martin – Student Union President
Abby Johnstone – Head Prefect
Sarah, Kylie and Madelyn – Brock Teacher
Candidates

Regrets

Chantal Scrimgeour
Julie Stitt
LeaAnn Pyne

1 Call to Order & Welcome

Cathy S.

- Cathy S. welcomed everyone in attendance
- There were 3 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

2 Adoption of Agenda

Jean K. – motioned
Lori B. – second

3 Review and Approval of May Minutes

- Jennifer J. advised of corrections to be made to Minutes, Lori B. acknowledged and confirmed that changes would be made and amended Minutes to be provided prior to next meeting

Cathy S. – motioned
Jennifer J. – second

4 Business arising from September minutes not included in subsequent reports

- Cathy S. recommended that this item be removed from the Agenda for all future meetings

Cathy S. – motioned
Jennifer J. – second

5 Correspondence

- There was no mail in the office
- Jennifer J. reported that she receives regular emails pertaining to PIC, including minutes from the meetings and that she has them available for anyone who is interested in reviewing them
- Jennifer J. also reported that the refreshed, modern DSBN website will be up soon
- Lastly Jennifer J. wanted to remind School Council of the \$500.00 support available every year. She passed around a list of school related things that had been previously approved – a conversation followed and Jennifer J. proposed that we have a vinyl banner, outfitted with corner grommets, that we can attach to our info tables during events, or hang on the wall, string it across a hallway, anytime we are set up somewhere. It would be an investment for future councils to use
- Lori B. suggested a banner that stands up straight as they are easier to set up and they stand out better than the length wise ones, further discussion took place and Jennifer J. advised that she would get prices for different types of banners
- Once Council has approved the purchase of the banner, namely how we will pay for it, such as using PIC funds, or doing a fund raiser then we will place an order with the company of choice

6 Reports

a *Student Union Report*

- **Movie Night** was held on October 13, 2017, it was a great success, they made \$70.00 on the bake sale, there was a great turnout, there was about 70% of the Grade 9's were in attendance. The movie was Poltergeist
- **Zombie Dance** – to be held on October 27th, doors will open at 6 pm. They plan on having a Haunted Hallway. A new Grade 10 offered her Dad's old haunted house decorations. Liquid Entertainment has been booked and the police have been booked as well. Tickets go on sale on Thursday for \$5 and tickets at the door will be \$7. The Facebook page is up to date so ticket prices can be found on there. Kyle asked if there was a way that 4 members of the School Council could attend as chaperones. There will be 2 police officers present during the dance for 4 hours. This costs \$800.00. *Some discussion followed regarding the police officers as it appeared many people at the Council Meeting were not aware of the cost.*

Kyle M.

- **Mahtay Café** – they are planning to hold a student union meeting at Mahtay Café on October 30th, during the day, it's a good place to hang out and connect
- All events in rough to be decided at Planning meetings, get permits ahead of time, trying to be more proactive

b *Prefect Report*

Abby J.

- **Honour Award Celebration** – On October 18, 2017 @ 7 pm, the Prefects will be helping to organize the recipients in alphabetical order and assisting the parents. They will also help with snacks and refreshments in the cafeteria.
- **Assemblies** - On October 18, 2017, there will be two assemblies and the Prefects will be helping at both, the first one will be for Grades 9 & 10 and the second one will be for Grades 11 & 12
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** – On October 26, 2017, the Prefects will be helping with the set up as well as sitting in front of the teachers organizing the sign in sheets and keeping track of time of interviews
- The Prefects helped hand out the progress reports and all went well
- The Prefects also helped out at the **Fall Grad Assembly** on September 27
- The Prefects also helped with picture day and being in the cafeteria to assist in keeping everyone calm and cleaning the cafeteria up. They also help with events that Student Union holds.

c *Guidance Report*

Leslie W.

- Leslie Wilson advised that things have been a little crazy in the Guidance Department, timetables have been changed for the semester
- Grads - credit counseling summaries have been given out, together with a summary of items that will be needed
- There will be a session for parents of Grads on October 26, 2017. This will be posted on the website and posters will be hung up all around advising as to what to expect
- They are starting to see all the Grade 12's regarding bursaries and scholarships
- **November 27 to December 1** – grad photos will be taken, students should be urged to sign up as quickly as possible
- **PSAT** – waiting for the results for the Grade 11's

- There were not too many Grade 12's for SAT's
- The Grade 9's had an orientation and took them around to meet support staff
- **New Nurse** – Cassandra Grandilli
- **New Social Worker** – Robyn Simpson
- October 24 – Financial Information Session at lunch for scholarships, bursary applications, reference letters, resources – any grade can attend
- all can apply for OSAP @ University Fair, advised there are more funds available
- A University Application Seminar will be held on November 7 at lunch and on November 8 a College Application Seminar will be held
- There is to be a new website available for Grade 12 graduations which will include any and all things related to Grade 12's

d *Principal's Report*

Ruth H.

Ruth H. provided the following dates to remember:

Wednesday, October 18 @ 7:00 pm for Honour Roll Celebration

Thursday, October 26 – Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, October 27 – Student Council Zombie Dance

Saturday, October 28 – Niagara Leadership Summit for Women at Brock University

Wednesday, November 1 – Grade 9s Take Our Kids to Work Day, Grade 8 Day and PIC Conference

Wednesday, November 22 – Midterm report cards
DSBN Math Homework Help

Student Success – Jane Davies/Resource Room – Julie Clark
MSIP – teacher

Friday, November 17 – PA Day – teachers to do workshops

Wednesday, November 29 – Grade 8 Open House

e *Treasurer's Report*

Jean K.

Jean advised that there has been no change in the accounts since the last report other than a service charge on the account, leaving an amount of \$276.98 in the General Account, a balance of \$1,944.03 in the Nevada Account, for a total of \$2,221.01. After all allocated funds and possible expenditures deducted, there will be \$271.01 available.

Jean suggested that if we were doing concessions for the Musical, that we split the profits with Student Union

f *Event Volunteer Committee (EVC)*

Tracey T.

Tracey T. advised that volunteers would be needed for the following events:

Grade 9 Night – October 14, 2017 – Cathy S., Jennifer J. and Michelle T. have volunteered

Coffee House – October 21, 2017 – Sandy C., Jennifer J. and Cathy S. have volunteered

Parent Teacher Conferences – October 26 @ 6 until 8, looking for volunteers

Grade 8 Open House – November 29 @ 6:30 until 8:30, looking for volunteers

7 **Adoption of Reports**

Jennifer J. – motioned
Jean K. – second

8 **Other Business**

- Jennifer J. received prices from 1 Hour, Speedpro and Vista, Tracey T. and Jennifer J. to investigate further, including if there is a set up fee
- Kelly V. provided an overview, with handouts, about what the PRO Grant is, how to apply, and timelines for the application and approval process. She suggested that everyone review the materials and come to the next meeting with ideas of what Council may consider for next year. Also, a sub-committee will be assemble to lead the application process and execute the event/activity
- Website – changes proposed to Ruth H. and Mike B. for a slight change so that access to the Council page so that it is easier to access, namely that a separate tab across the bar be added for Council. This would make it easier for visitors to navigate the website easier. Mike B. advised that the change would have to be approved by Ruth H. Ruth H. will speak to Mike B. and then Mike B. can go to DSBN and arrange for the change to be made
- T-shirts – Jennifer J. advised that she spoke with Cros about Secord shirts or such for the Council and she says the orders won't be going in until November. She can give us the information when she has it available. We need to know if Members are interested in ordering t-shirts, long-sleeves or hoodies with Secord School Council on them. It would have to be determined who would pay for the shirts, Secord Council Members or try to obtain funds from PIC

Cathy S. – motioned
Jennifer J. - second

8 Next meeting date is Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm to be held in the Library Learning Commons

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Lori Blake