



**LAURA SECORD SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Monday, September 20, 2021  
7:00pm**

**Note: (G) indicates guest attendance**

**Parent guests Present:** Caroline, Rick, Wanda, Jennifer Ajandi, Christopher Boccinfuso, Joe Cheevers, Sandy Cowan, Kristin Davies, Katherine Dodd, Jen Feschuk, Traci Gemmell, Joy Janzen, Jennifer Johnson, Helen Mancini, Mayumi Munoz, Kara Petraroia, Lisa Schmauder

**Staff/School representation Present:** Ryan Bell, Alison Kocsis (student), Sarah Neville, Helena Tritchew, Kyle Visser, Ellie Warren (student), Leslie Wilson

**Regrets:** *Jean Kozela*

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1.0	<b>Call to order/welcome (Cheevers)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Called to order at 7:03 pm by Joe C</i></li> <li>• <i>Thank you for coming out to the first meeting of the 21/22 year</i></li> </ul>		
2.0	<b>Adoption of agenda</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>We will defer all election items to the October meeting (New Business)</i></li> <li>• <i>Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup>: Joy J</i></li> <li>• <i>Motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kara P</i></li> </ul>		
3.0	<b>Approval of May/June 2021 Minutes</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup>: Chris B</i></li> <li>• <i>Motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tracy G</i></li> </ul>		
4.0	<b>Correspondence</b>	• None at this time	•
5.0	<b>Reports</b>		

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5.a	<b>Student Union Report (Ellie Warren)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ellie is the Deputy Prime Minister for this year and is in Grade 11.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Student Union Goals for this year are to a) plan as many events in the first semester and b) to make the school feel like home, connecting everyone again</i></li> <li>• <i>Currently planning Spirit days and the Coffee House for later this fall</i></li> <li>• <i>The Cow Olympics will be back with two separate events. Grade 9 and 10 will be having events of this and next Friday. Students will be cohorted and therefore allowed to mix. However, the Jump Mentors will wear masks as they are in the senior grades.</i></li> <li>• <i>We will be arranging classroom visits to get junior students talking about their experience so far and hopefully alleviate some of the anxiety about the first years of high school.</i></li> </ul>	•	•
5.b	<b>Prefect Report (Alison Kocsis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Allison is the Assistant Prefect and is in Grade 12</i></li> <li>• <i>The Prefects will again be helping with assemblies and offering tours to new students, when able.</i></li> <li>• <i>Currently, we have 21 prefects for the year.</i></li> </ul>	•	•
5.c	<b>Principal Report (H. Tritchew/K. Visser)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>We are currently at an enrollment of 665 students, up over 75 new registrations since June.</i></li> <li>• <i>3% of our students are remotely learning (25) with their support system</i></li> <li>• <i>We have ten new staff members and programme leaders</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Why did we lose the EA's? We didn't have enough "needs" to merit a compliment of an EA in our building.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Last year's attendance? Full-time credits (vs bodies in the school) were 615. This year we had projected 623 for this year.</i></li> <li>• <i>Bell and break times have been staggered to minimize contact between grades</i></li> <li>• <i>Lunchtime seating is cohorted in designated areas</i></li> <li>• <i>The Province will offer OSSLT literacy test to students in both the fall and spring to write. Last year we had 244 write the test with an 89.8% success rate.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinstated the Council webpage on the LSS website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan B and Lisa S</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Question: Can students rewrite if they don't succeed? Yes, online.</i></li> <li>• <i>HVAC upgrades have happened with a focus on the Auditorium and Gymnasium. HEPA filters are used in confined spaces</i></li> <li>• <i>The parking is monitored by both DSBN and the City of St. Catharines personnel. We are working on solutions for safety for all drivers and students</i></li> <li>• <i>De streaming has begun for English, Maths, Geography, French and Science in grade 9. There is class Student Success, and other resource supports for all students.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: When students move into grade 10, will it be up to them what stream they choose? We will be watching as the year goes on for student successes and will make that call later on this year.</i></li> <li>• <i>Cow Olympics/Orientation (see above)</i></li> <li>• <i>Extracurricular activities have begun. Coaches and club leaders are to submit plans for health and safety. We will continue to roll out more as the fall moves on.</i></li> <li>• <i>Picture Day will be scheduled for later in October</i></li> <li>• <i>Progress Reports will be distributed on October 8 either paper form or electronically. We are waiting on the direction of the Board.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Will parent/teacher meetings be online? Yes</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: What extracurricular activities are running? Volleyball, Art Club, Bands, Dungeons and Dragons, Dance Teams, Yearbook, Student Union, Prefect, Jump Mentors, Cross Country, Drama and Girls Volleyball</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: What is the plan for the play? We are waiting until December to decide if we will be able to proceed.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: How many students returned for 12B? Less than 5.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Will MSIP be returning? We are waiting for direction from the Board as this was system-wide.</i></li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Question: Will parents be able to find out what teachers are vaccinated? Last April, Niagra region teachers had the opportunity to be vaccinated. As of now, personnel vaccination information is strictly between the employee and DSBN HR. Those not vaccinated are to report to HR with rapid testing and updates on health including vaccinations</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Do we have an inside school map of the school for orientation? Not at this time. Please see the 360 Tour points of interest.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: In the winter, will we go back to 4 classes per day? We have to wait and see.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Is there consideration for students who require accommodations this year? Yes, IEP students have a legal right to accommodations.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Will we look at why so many students are already choosing to change streams so early in the year? Yes, we will investigate.</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: Will the school be open on September 30? Yes, as this is not a provincial holiday in Ontario</i></li> <li>• <i>Question: The School Council website has been dropped. Can it be reinstated? Ryan Bell is working on it. Lisa will send all documents that are missing.</i></li> </ul>		
<b>5.d</b> <b>Guidance Report (L. Wilson)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>We have had one of our smoothest start-ups ever.</i></li> <li>• <i>We have had 118 timetable changes in 3 days.</i></li> <li>• <i>Night school is starting, but not a lot of interest.</i></li> <li>• <i>Online is running for remote learners</i></li> <li>• <i>The grade 12 D2L Graduation page is up and running, and they will be allowed to come to the Guidance Office to begin preliminary planning for post-secondary.</i></li> <li>• <i>Grade 9/10/11 will have opportunities to come to the office for 1:1 visits. Listen for announcements.</i></li> <li>• <i>All University and College information events will be online again this year.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donar Letter update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helena T</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Our Donation Request Letter is available and will be updated to the current year and have available immediately to solicit donations to go towards our graduation awards.</i></li> <li>• <i>Helena has received one donation outside of the Council for last year's deficit.</i></li> <li>• <i>The donation button has been moved to the top of the LSS page for anyone wishing to donate to the fund.</i></li> </ul>		
5.e	<b>Treasurer Report (J. Kozela)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Please see attached for an update</i></li> <li>• <i>To confirm from last June, we were able to hand out 5 Graduation Awards at \$250 apiece</i></li> <li>• <i>We need to raise \$906.84 to come out of a projected deficit for this year.</i></li> </ul>	•	•
6.0	<b>Adoption of Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to accept reports 1<sup>st</sup>: Kara P</li> <li>• Motion to accept reports 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joy J</li> </ul>	•	•
7.0	<b>Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	•	•
	<p>Nominations/self-nominations of Council members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred to October</li> </ul> <p>Appointment of Community Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred to October</li> </ul> <p>Election of 2021/2022 Officers: Chair/Co-Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, EVC Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred to October</li> </ul> <p>Dates for meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>October 18, November 15, January 17, February 28, April 11, May 16, June TBD (social)</i></li> </ul>		

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