



**LAURA SECORD SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, January 24, 2022
7:00 pm (Zoom)**

Note: (G) indicates guest attendance

Parents Present: Jennifer Ajandi, Caroline (last name), Christopher Boccinfuso, Joe Cheevers, Karen Chcoski, Colleen Egan, Amanda Fretz, Tracy Gemmell, Joy Janzen, Jennifer Johnson, Mayumi Munoz, Kara Petraroia, Suzin Schiff, Lisa Schmauder, (first name) Soleksinski

Staff/School representation Present: Ryan Bell, Samantha Chcoski, Liv Gracey, Mya Rose, Helena Tritchew, Kyle Visser, Leslie Wilson

Regrets: Katherine Dodd, Jean Kozela

Item	Discussion, Events, Activities	Action/Upcoming Activities	Person(s) Responsible
1.0	Call to order/welcome (Cheevers) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of the current executive<i>Thank you for your cooperation in postponing the meeting a week due to the Blizzard.</i>Welcome and Who We Are		
2.0	Adoption of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to accept 1st: <i>Chris B</i>Motion to accept 2nd: <i>Joy J</i>		
3.0	Approval of September 2021 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the September minutes were approved in the October meetingWe will support the November minutes at the February meetingMotion to accept 1st:Motion to accept 2nd:		

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4.0	Correspondence		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None currently</i> 		
5.0	Reports		
5.a	Student Union Report (Student Rep) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sam Chcoski</i> • <i>Before Christmas, we could have some Spirit Weeks, but since the Christmas break, we have not been able to do too much.</i> • <i>Currently, we are not planning a Semi-Formal.</i> • <i>We are planning some distanced activities such as a food drive in February. Stay tuned for more as available.</i> 	•	•
5.b	Prefect Report (Olivia Gracey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As with the Student Union, we have not been able to do too much currently.</i> • <i>Before the break, we helped with the distribution of the Rapid Tests, prepared with teachers for the DELF exams and helped teachers in their classrooms.</i> • <i>We hope to hear about Mama Mia soon and will start planning our part.</i> • <i>We have many new prefixes in grades 11 and 12 and will call out more in the spring.</i> 	•	•
5.c	Principal Report (H. Tritchew and Kyle Vissers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health and Safety Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Kids have been great at keeping up with the protocols: cohorted lunches, masking and no congregation in bathrooms.</i> ○ <i>Niagara Public Health sent a letter explaining protocols: mask exemptions must be justified with a health care provider's note. Also, rules around outbreak protocols and vaccinated students: If you are unvaccinated, you will be dismissed when exposed, identified and asked to stay home for 5 days.</i> ○ <i>We have five new student screening tool</i> ○ <i>Rapid tests will be sent home again once we receive more. For now, we have some in the office on an as-needed basis.</i> 	•	•

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Our staff shortages have occurred due to increases in isolations. Thank you to our staff for helping to cover and working with supply teachers.</i> ● <i>Exams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Exams have been replaced with culminating activities for the end of the semester from January 26-January 30</i> ○ <i>Students can attend school on their designated exam day to complete outstanding assignments.</i> ● <i>Semester 2 MSIP</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>There will be no MSIP again this semester. We are hoping to offer it again in September</i> ● <i>Course Selection</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Due January 31, 2022.</i> ○ <i>Three hundred students still need to submit their selection. A video is available from guidance on how to select and upload their courses on D2L</i> ● <i>Social Media Issues</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This semester, we have had some challenges with damaging comments and misinformation affecting students and staff. We are working to incorporate education into the classroom during semester 2 to equip students with any social media platform better.</i> ○ <i>We have seen a trend of lagging social skills as socialization has been interrupted during COVID. We will work with everyone to try and fill the education gap to make this a safe platform for everyone.</i> ● <i>Social justice work vs vigilante justice</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Along with the education on social media, we will educate our kids on the difference between social justice and vigilante justice. We want to support the shift in use.</i> ● <i>Question: Do we need to call in a child's absence on exam days?</i> <i>No.</i> 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Question from Mayumi: Can you confirm that the kids will be off February 1-2 only, or does this also include January 31? All three days are off.</i> • <i>Question: What issues have happened with social media? Instagram and anonymous platforms can be dangerous. We need to discuss with students about appropriate behaviours. Other schools have blocked Instagram due to dangerous activity, but we have not. However, DSBN is looking at making these and other online tools safer with their security software and partnerships, such as KAHOOT.</i> • <i>Question: How can we help our students if they have never taken exams? This semester, we will work with them and teach exam and essay writing skills. Looking forward, mid-term exams in the science department will help get kids used to exams and create normalcy around the stress, especially for seniors'</i> • <i>Comment from Sam: We have a Brave Spaces group, which creates a safe space to talk about mental health. Can we please promote this?</i> • <i>Mama Mia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>No dates are announced; however, the drama and music departments are working on the production for the spring in some capacity.</i> ○ <i>We cannot stream as there are no streaming rights available.</i> • <i>Grade 8 Transition</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>DNA applications are in an alternative school requests have been made. Please contact the school if you know of anyone who missed the deadline.</i> • <i>School year calendar (draft) input needed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Parents can provide any feedback to the proposed August 2022-June 2023 school year calendar</i> ○ <i>No suggested changes or conflicts were noted.</i> • <i>Report Cards</i> 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reports will be out February 11 ○ The start of Semester 2 is February 3 		
5.e	Treasurer Report (J. Kozela) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main account: \$168.91 ● Nevada account: \$170.65 ● Total funds available: \$339.56 total ● Last year we were about to offer five scholarships to our grads, each for \$250. Currently, we are short \$910.44. ● Helena will have the letter for donations at the next meeting. We will use this to approach individuals and businesses for contributions. Letter for donations? We will include a note on the agenda at the next meeting. ● A reminder that there is a "Scholarship Donation" button on the LSS homepage 	●	●
6.0	Adoption of Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to accept reports 1st: Susan S ● Motion to accept reports 2nd: KP 		
7.0	Other Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The next upcoming PIC Virtual speaker series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 17, Dr. Ghody Muhammad on Cultivating Genius and Joy: Where all children Thrive ○ 6:30pm-8:00pm ○ Registrar on the DSBN homepage 		
8.0	Motion to Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to accept 1st: Joy J ● Motion to accept 2nd: Susan S ● Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022, 7:00 pm 		