

KSS/Vanier School Council Minutes

Tuesday September 17, 2024 6:30 pm

Location: KSS

Attendees: Kolsen Shunk, Adrita Kar, Alison Bradshaw, Mike Green, Martina Green, Kelli Caravan, Rob Switzer, Darren Seymour, Chris Morrow, Alison Murray, Sarah Phinney, Sophie, Nuria, Tiffany Donnan

6. Parent council Elections:

Chair: Stephanie Van Der Pryt

Pic Rep: Virginia Venditti

Secretary: Sarah Phinney

Reminder that daily announcements are on website and we will look at posting the parent council minutes to the website as well.

7a. Student Representative update (Kolsen and Adrita)

Grade 9 day and Club Carosel are on this week; Grade 9 will go with link leaders and have activities; a lot of clubs have began (tutoring, infinity, band etc.)

Gr.9 and 10 school council reps and equity reps will be chosen. Sports have begun with senior football and volleyball.

School council has communication co-ordination who will do Instagram updates and facebook (parent council chair requested facebook try and be utilized as many parents do not follow other social platforms)

7b. Teacher updates: Kellie Caravan brought Sophie and Nuria to share about music.

At 7:15 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings the concert band plays in the atrium at KSS. (Some Vanier students can participate in this)

Sophie and Nuria are the music council co-chairs and they highlighted a number of evens the music students participated in last year. (Junior band at wonderland; winter concert, coffee house, jazz band at music fest and pride parade and arts banquet)

Go to room 126 if you would like to find out about music.

Goal for the year: Clothing, Trips and opportunities, concerts, outreach and fundraising.

There is a Parent Booster Club that supports the music students with grant applications and fundraising opportunities. Nov 1 and Feb 7 the Kingston Frontenacs will be offering the band an opportunity to receive \$2 from ticket sales using a QR code that will be made available to the school and community.

The music teacher would like to obtain a piano for school so that it can be played any time in the atrium by students.

Mr. Switzer shared his anticipation guide: Adolescent growth and development – an exercise he does in his English class to help kids learn and speak in class.

Mr. Switzer said that the students are adapting well to cell phone ban.

There are 103 students headed to Japan in March – still some seats available. There are fundraising opportunities thru the office to assist with the trip fee.

Vaping is an issue that is still being addressed and looking at rolling out different solutions to assist.

Enrollment is high in both schools KSS have assemblies by grade in the atrium and Vanier 7/8 are in the gym.

8. Principles Report – Darren Seymour

We have had a great start to the school year! Students have quickly made the transition from summer to school mode and have settled into their classes at both Vanier and KSS. Our enrollment in both schools is above our initial projections and , while we are excited by that growth, there are start of the year adjustments that must be made each year to accommodate initial students. Fortunately, that work has gone quite well.

Before the year started, we had staff and students preparing for our incoming Grade 9 cohort at KSS. Our student leaders do a spectacular job of welcoming new students to our school. Some clubs and extra-curriculars are already underway and tomorrow we have our club carousel to showcase the many options available to students.

Each year we begin with Grade assemblies from Vanier through to Grade 12. We use this opportunity to set expectations and routines for our students and to encourage them to engage in goal setting and personal involvement in life at KSS and Vanier. This year we had the added highlight of unveiling the new cell phone guidelines to students. We are pleased to share this has gone well.

We are so looking forward to the year ahead and all that it brings for our students!

9. Pic update – New meeting is October 3 but maybe pushed to Oct 24th to allow for school councils to complete elections for the positions.

10. New Business – Plan for the year to raise awareness in our Parent Community. The chair asked everyone to be prepared for next meeting with what are our goals for the year?

11. Adjournment.

Next meeting: October 15 6:30 virtual option will be provided, in person KSS library.

Upcoming dates:

November 19

December 17

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17