

LSL School Council Meeting February 12, 2024

Attendance: Michelle Dupuis (Principal), Amy Kantor, Lindsay Payne Pynten, Gerald Barlage, Cam Rutten, Patrice Koshman (Vice Principal), Yasmin Ebrahim, Bernie Norris, Leogirlen Odango (online), Monique Goodwin (online), Yuen (online), Rosie Scherf (online), Christopher Mabelin (online), Svitlana (online), Heiner Martinez (online), Nicole (online), Darlen (online)

Absent:

Notes taken by: Susan Badger

Call to order 7:00pm

1. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement-Lindsay
2. Review and approval of agenda-Lindsay
3. Review of last meeting-January 17, 2024
4. School administration report-Patrice Koshman
 - a. SH course requests-coming out (starting soon); this helps them create the schedule and who will teach what and how many teachers are needed; grade 9's to 10 will do their first, then August for course changes
 - b. Grac Coach-Careers-Mr. Salech has organized; it's a flex day where students can attend sessions in a variety of professions
 - c. JH options-coming out (starting soon)-some options were shown to be just for grade 9, others for 8 and 9, and others for all three grades; no guarantees these will be the same as this year, but the 2023/24024 option list was shown
 - i. Question around dropping enrollment in a particular option and dwindling, such that once they might become discontinued or peter out (which then de-incentivizes it for the high school option)-unlikely with Music or French, but offering most other options with a reasonable enrollment is always the aim; admin does the best they can to offer the courses
 - ii. Course requests drive the entire schedule for high school; sometimes, there just aren't enough students; in grade 11, they encourage that Math 31 gets done in grade 11, and there will be a 30-1 section within Math 31 AP; semesters are a factor (15% of the population will take the Math course); AP Pathway means 10-0C and 20-1 in grade 10, then 30-1 in Grade 11 to get that out of the way, and

then sem II is Math 31A (Math 31A is only really necessary for engineering and pre-engineering programs in post-secondary)

- iii. Parent information night for grade 9 parents to grade 10 on Feb 28
 - d. Senior High Student's Union presentation
 - e. Keeping 7 and 8 together and bringing 9's into the high school timetable as 9-12; good transition into high school; grade 9's could take some PAT's as well, they could still play JH athletics and enjoy farewell and have those experiences, but this is still in discussion (this is on the table, but it would not be brought in till the following fall-2025)-lots of advantages and some disadvantages; what are driving forces? Scheduling and timetabling with subject specialists which is a bonus, more of a high school experience from that lens; still needed balanced homerooms and classes (number one request from parents)
5. Report from council chair
- a. Continue to build compendium document repository for incoming parent councils to set them up for success (such as templates as agendas and minutes...)
 - b. Updating bylaws and operating procedures-April we know what need to start talking about, May staff appreciation events already on the list
 - c. ASCA interest-parent and executive member

Adjourned at 7:37pm