

Laurentian Public School

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Agenda for School Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
6:30-6:35	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Council account set-up to keep Minutes● Google account- send and receive email communications with each other<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Helps keep records from year to year <p>High School Presentation (Lori Henderson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Miss. Henderson is new to Guidance this year (mainly for grade 8)● What school?- based on boundaries of where you live<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There is a link in your child's Guidance Google Classroom● Magnet Programs you can apply to-<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Eastwood ARTS program<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Nov. 15 info session in library (2nd break in library)■ Open Dec 1 and close January 12○ IB at Cameron Heights	Mr. Cain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Geared to kids with a Global Mindset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fri Nov 3 at 1st Break in library ○ Children can apply to Catholic Board on their own ● Open Houses for grade 8 to visit high schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cameron Wed. Nov 15 6-8 ○ Eastwood Thurs Dec 7 ○ Forest Heights Wed. Jan 17- 6:30 ○ KCI (Fast Forward Program)- Thurs. Nov 30 ● Course Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ My Blueprint site (in Google Classroom) can help them determine courses ○ Exploring now and will happen in February ○ Guidance counsellors from high schools come to do it with students ● Busing for high school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Link to check eligibility ● Spring high school visits with their grade 8 class and teachers (usually June) 	
6:35-7:00	<p>Goals of School Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How to action goal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal #1 - -NEED- Food Insecurity- Food Drive, Nutrition for Learning- (Sheri Bowman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In School Support -expand Nutrition for Learning cart, 1 day a week hot breakfast 	Sara

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Goal- Community Involvement<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prepare hampers, change for change to purchase gift cards to top up hampers● Next Step:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Holiday Hampers- Sheri will send out an email message via our School Council account to create a smaller committee to get the hampers organized● Additional Ideas-<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Option to purchase an extra slice of pizza for someone else at school on pizza days○ Year round- collect donations of specific food items that can go directly back to the kids as they need it during the day to eat● Goal #2- Mental Health<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Miss Henderson to look into possibilities for presentations to students as part of health classes○ Could apply for Pro Grant to get a speaker to talk to parents regarding their child's mental health and/or effect of social media on mental health	
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- Possibly hold the speaker at a Community Centre to increase parent involvement
- Send survey to parents first on possible topics for speakers
- *Homework: At January meeting- everyone come back with an idea for a speaker or possible event, council will vote on ideas and then send the survey to families*

- Planning future meetings

- Possible Topics
- Dress code
- Volunteer hours when students can start tracking
- Does our school have a Math action team if so what does that look like (announced by the Ministry)
- Mental health of preteens
- Cyber safety and legality of cell phone use
- How to pick the best high school magnet programs
- New language program how it is taught
- Destreaming how does that affect our students
- Any away trips? Grade 7 camp, grade 8 trip- no overnight trips anymore
- What extracurricular programs will be running and how do parents know so we can

	encourage our students to sign up?	
7:00-7:05	<p>Pro Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for mental health one 	Sara
7:05-7:10	<p>Dates of meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move this month to the second Wednesday of January (the 10th) <p>New Google Account Information</p>	Sara
7:10-7:15	<p>WRAPSC update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Tuesday meeting regarding school safety • 2 superintendents talking about policy regarding school safety 	Sara
7:15-7:30	<p>Principal Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities- volleyball teams • Lunch- intramurals during breaks • Music- choir, band • Leadership Council- run by Sheri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 34 kids ○ Help to decide on school events like spirit days, pizza days, etc. <p>* Games club * Tuck Shop - smoothies (\$3) * School Newspaper- starting to be published next week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear Sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Available by Christmas ○ Pegasus company ○ T-Shirt- \$18 ○ Hoodies- \$46 ○ Will be an online store to purchase through ○ Celebration/Grad Hoodies- with Class of 2024 added to the front ○ Will come out in a week 	Mr. Cain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A few weeks later, the orders will be in to distribute ● EQAO results are slowly trickling in from Feeder Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal is for them to go home with Progress Reports ● Mon. Nov. 13- PD Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board provides an outline of what is worked on by staff on these days ● Gr. 7 Immunizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Monday Nov 6 ● Staffing- going good as far as not having fail-to-fills due to lack of OT's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still no VP assigned to Laurentian ○ Retired principals have been filling in ● Remembrance Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moment of silence over announcements ○ Ceremony in CORE class <p>Laurentian School Council Gmail Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up by Sara - Holds the agendas, minutes, etc. <p>Email this address and the message goes to all Council members lau-schoolcouncil@wrdsb.ca</p>	
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to address and embrace the lived experiences, abilities, needs and stories of students and staff to ensure success for all

Parent Council Meetings:

All meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

In the Library as well as on Google Meets

Meeting dates for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

November 1, January 10, February 7, April 3, May 1, June 5

There are no meetings in December and March.