

Sudbury Secondary School Parent Council  
October 08, 2025 Meeting



Members Present:

Heather Downey - Administrator  
Kyle Gutcher - Administrator  
Erin Ferguson - Administrator  
Trenessa Beers -Teacher  
Genna Chevrier - Student Parliament  
Willow Maiangowi- Student Parliament  
Terri-lynn Lawrence - Parent  
Ashlee Brumwell - Parent  
Olive Brumwell - student

Regrets

Sampson/Lois Owhin - Parent  
Vanessa St. Michael - Parent

Items

1- Welcome

Enrollment showing a steady incline  
SSS 508  
N'Swakamok 48  
Adult Day School 59

2- Approve minutes of last (March) meeting

Moved: Kyle Gutscher  
Seconded: Trenessa Beers

3- Positions

Chair: Ashlee Brumwell  
Moved: Trenessa Beers  
Seconded: Kyle Gutscher

Secretary - Heather Downey  
Movered: Erin Ferguson  
Seconded: Kyle Gutcher

4 - PIC - Distribution of PIC flyer with upcoming dates.

## [PIC Meeting](#)

5- North Star Awards, October 16th at 10:00 a.m. (Chari Stage/present?)

6- Fundraising - Call for volunteers with parents

7- Vape Detectors in the washroom to deter use in the building.

8- School Updates

- Technology - 50 new chromebooks were purchased for various departments
- SHSM - addition of a 4th SHSM (Arts & Culture, Construction Technology, Health & Wellness, Sustainable Living & Culinary Arts)

Parliament - Genna Chevrier & Willow Maiangowi

- Terry Fox fundraiser
- Halloween dance and haunted hallway
- Christmas feast
- Plan to create fundraising ideas for student parliament through our events and dances!

Numeracy

EQAO results are still not finalized but based on our "number crunching" we have maintained our standing from last year.

We are in the process of incorporating more knowledge hook and amplify resources into our grade 9 classrooms to hopefully improve EQAO rates.

Literacy

The update for the English & Literacy department is the school-wide literacy diagnostic. Results will help guide our literacy focus and intensive support sessions for students.

Students will participate in Literacy Carousels in late October and will write the OSSLT on November 12-14. One staff is working on intensive literacy support to target students who could use additional help.

Tech Dept.

- Building the car for grease
- Designing and building rocket stoves and other small manufacturing projects
- Creating paper circuits with the life skills group
- Working on "live" cars as creating work orders to simulate a live shop experience
- Learning shop and tool safety
- Building the set for the musical
- Prepping for Skills Competition
- Making pens for fundraising.

Science

- self-sustaining, living ecosystem aquarium
- in class carousel activity with the SNAP circuit sets
- physics lab involving paper airplanes and Newton's laws. (See pics)

French immersion students: (increased enrollment)

1. Completed a profile project, where they had to interview a classmate, draw a sketch of them and present the information to the class
2. Worked on PEEL paragraphs, and wrote a PEEL paragraph on identity
3. Are currently working on a personal museum (flatlay) project where they display, describe and present ten items of significance that have impacted who they are
4. Worked on verb conjugations; présent de l'indicatif, futur simple et passé composé

### Languages

- The Ojibwe Language and indigenous Studies students beaded Orange Shirts in September in preparation for TRC Day. They participated in TRC Day at Bell Park on September 30th, where they had fun learning Ojibwe through relay games, pictograph painting, played lacrosse, experienced traditional drumming and dancing.
- Upcoming is a field trip to Laurentian University to APSIP (Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program).
- 9/10 immersion class as well as 11/12 FI class went to Cinefest to watch "Amélie et la métaphysique des tubes"
- Myriam Steben from the Ministry of Education will be coming in November 3rd to talk to FI students about **les programmes de langues officielles (Odyssée, Explore, Destination Clic)**
- REEL Canada will be hosting a virtual workshop with our FI students on October 23rd to talk to our students about career opportunities in the Canadian film industry
- Mario, Patrick and Ashley are all attending Lo-Ellen on October 16th for a French PD session where they will get to observe a model classroom

### Social Science

New (4th) SHSM Culinary Arts & Sustainable Living

Purchase of a New freezer and 20 sewing machines downstairs.

### Cultural Fair -

- Students have had the opportunity to celebrate all of our diversity at our Cultural Fair on October 02. Abundance of food and cultural activities

### Sports

A new year sees new additions to the SSS staff

Mike Asunmaa arrives from Lively bringing new ideas and energy, Mario Parisotto takes on a larger role within the department

Physical Education classes are up and running this semester helping students work towards their fitness goals

Fall sports teams have started

Girls Flag Football (coaches: Mario Parisotto, Liza Kokko and Ryan Wilson) they are off to a 1-1 start hoping to make the playoffs again this year

Cross Country running (coaches: Jeanette Lankshear and Rebekka Phippen) the runners have participated in 3 meets and have demonstrated some strong results in novice boys and senior boys. Gr. 12 student Jack Ellis is hoping to qualify for the OFSAA championships again this year.

Tennis - the tennis team (coach: Mike Asunmaa) is starting again after a lengthy layoff. 3 girls doubles teams will be representing SSS this year.

### **Department Happenings - Arts Education**

***\*\*Arts Carousels scheduled for January 2026\*\****

#### **Dance**

- Starting Performing Dance Troupe week of October 6th (after school rehearsals with teachers and guest choreographers)
- Hoping to participate in the CTV Children's Christmas Telethon again this year.
- Just had Zoi Monroy (latin dance) come in to do a fun workshop with our dance majors
- Some of our dancers participated in the ENVY Dance Challenge convention on September 27th, this is also owned and operated by an alumni of the program
- Hopeful to compete at The VIEW (Toronto) & Destiny Dance Challenge (Sudbury) this year
- Working on dance photography with B. Cote
- Lou Hayden will be coming in (early December) to do an Irish dance workshop with all dancers

#### **Vocal**

- Just performed at Valley East Days
- Vocal students to sing at Sudbury Arena with the band Foreigner.
- Star Fire Choir has started up and students are looking forward to participating in our Holiday Concert this December as well as other performance opportunities in Semester 2.
- We'll have our Music Department Spring Concert as well as joining the Nickel City Sound for their spring concert.

#### **Drama**

Musical - Grease: School Edition - November  
Improv Club

#### **Visual Art**

Mural Club - Tues/Thurs all year  
Yearbook Club- Tues/Thurs all year  
Sets - musical  
Tara - Craft Club - Fridays at lunch  
Alumni Art Show - Nov 28/29

Emergence - Art Gallery of Sudbury  
Exposed - May  
Toronto Trips - November & May

### Media Arts

-Students are working toward hosting either a Halloween Spooktacular show again this year, or a mini in-house Look@Media in semester 1. Then we have our big showcase in the spring at the Indie Cinema... Look@Media!

-Also, we've brought back the D&D Club this year and students have been excited to build characters and play through various stories in the Media Arts room at lunch and after school.

-Students are already preparing for Skills Competition. Media Arts students will be competing in 2D Animation, 3D Animation, and TV & Video competitions. There might also be 3D Character design this year.

### Instrumental Music

-Concert Band and Jazz Band are back and rehearsing. Jazz Band is prepping for Northstar Awards and a potential Jazz Clinic at the end of October with other RDSB schools.

-Pit Band is working hard to prep for the musical.

-Prepping for our Christmas Show on December 11th.

-We are also going to be having Princess Anne Public School join us in early December for a workshop with our Majors.

5:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned