

**Sudbury Secondary School Parent Council  
October 18, 2023 Meeting**



Members Present:

Heather Downey - Administrator  
Carrie Wilson - Administrator  
Yves Poirier - Administrator  
Bev Belrose - Non-teaching staff  
Kate Barber - Parent  
Robyn Robillard - Parent

Regrets:

Trenessa Beers -Teacher  
Jessica Lawrence - Parent  
Mel Depatie - Parent  
Bernadette Remillard - Community Member

Items

1- Welcome - Very happy to have you back

2- Approve minutes of last (March) meeting

Moved: Kate Barber

Seconded: Carrie Wilson

3- Roles -

Kate Barber - Chair

Moved: Heather Downey

Seconded: Yves Poirier

Heather Downey - Secretary

Moved: Trenessa Beers-Marcolin

Seconded: Yves Poirier

4- School Beautification

- BIPOC statue on MacKenzie street box
- Flower boxes have already been weeded, prepped and planted

5- Fundraising

- Staff to complete forms
- Additional fundraising/assistance is encouraged
- Continue to use money for "swag" for our incoming grade 9s.

Moved: Carrie Wilson

Seconded: Yves Poirier

#### 6- PIC Update

Bernadette - review of last year

Heather - review of last night Dr. Jean Clinton

#### 7- School Updates

- North Star Awards, November 28 at 12:00
- Newcomers (Group, Fair, Class with Anne Fraser) Influx of newcomers is continuing.
- Enrollment

#### **Math -**

54% SSS

44% Board

54% Province

#### **Guidance**

- University and college visits and applications
- Students are well underway, no course changes at this point

#### **English**

- Fall Session for the OSSLT for Grade 10 English classes and previously eligible grade 11 & 12s will run in November.
- Methods to prep include reinforcing the use of PEEL and shared reading. Also, use of the online practice test
- Destreamed Grade 9s focus on "laps" (like spiralling in Math) to layer skill development
- 3 bridge English classes running this semester to close reading gaps for our students.

#### **Physical Education**

- Boys Volleyball - currently 3-0 and tied for 1st place in their division
- Girls Flag Football - currently 3-1 and in 2nd place in their division
- <https://www.thesudburystar.com/sports/local-sports/that-sudbury-sports-guy-new-athlete-s-coaches-lead-to-flag-football-change>
- X Country runners - we sent 5 runners to the city championships today and they will compete at the NOSSA (Northern Ontario) championships next week.
- Winter sports will be starting soon
- Wrestling and Boys Basketball have started practicing
- Girls Volleyball, Nordic Skiing. Downhill skiing, Badminton will be starting soon

## ***Special Education***

- All identified students have been given a copy of their IEP to bring home to parents at this time.
- The ASD class has been busy learning about jobs in the community. They have had the police come in to teach about officers and a paramedic come and show them what their job entails. They even got a tour of the ambulance! They have also been working on crafts for the fall fair, improving our reading comprehension through use of the LLI program, as well as doing the composting and recycling for our school!
- The Life Skills Crew has been busy with Snack Program, Value Vault and some gardening. They planted a couple of apple trees that they hope will provide apples to the Snack Program in the future. They are looking forward to the Halloween Dance coming up at the end of the month! They were nominated for a North Star award in recognition of all their hard work with the Breakfast, Snack, Value Vault and Gardening Programs.
- The students in Day Treatment have been focusing on "how to survive high school" this month. They are looking at all the tools they need to succeed in their backpacks.
- On that theme, they have:
  - -started yoga classes with Dawn Condon at the YMCA to focus on stress release
  - -Krissy Bouthelier has come in to visit a few times to focus on Google Read and Write and email tips and tricks
  - -They have been working on the themes of perseverance and resilience as they pertain to Terry Fox, Rosa Parks, and now in a reader about the Chilean Miner Rescue story and they have been applying it to using PEEL (make a point, share evidence, explain and make links)
- Mrs. Moggy's physical education classes, the students have been setting personal work out goals to achieve
- In addition to that, they also worked on beautifying the Mackenzie Street gardens with perennials and mulch during the learning strategies class. They also helped the Life Skills class plant and mulch apple trees in the Adult Day School area. In this class, they have also been focussing on nutrition and sleep and how that impacts their ability to be great humans and students.
- For Thanksgiving, they did minute-to-win challenges like "traffic jam" and celebrated the season with a slice of pumpkin pie as well.
- Our ISP Transitions students have been working hard as they are all now a part of our Inclusion Program, meaning that they are all working on earning 4 credits this semester and will all now be working towards earning their secondary school diploma. This has been a challenging time for them as they are not used to moving around to four different classes each day. They are also getting used to dealing with the workload that comes with these credit bearing classes. One of them recently wrote a test for the first time ever in high school (and they are a grade 12 aged student). They are being supported by two educational assistants as well as an Inclusion teacher throughout the school day. We are excited to watch their progression over the next few years!

## **Science**

Welcome new staff members Ashley Lavigne, Charlie Mishra

- Kidney bean germination (following Charlie's class)
- Bubble gum lab; students had to test 3 different brands of gum to see which one made the biggest bubble and stretched out the most when pulled by 2 people
- Predator-Prey game outdoors to consolidate learning about food chains and herbivores/carnivores/omnivores
- Walk around the school yard to look at biotic and abiotic factors
- Using "Blooket" with students to review material (similar to kahoot but has a variety of different video game styles to play)
- Read the book "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" and are planning to set up a bacteria farm.
- Reach for the Top team is practicing
- Discovery with the anatomy manikin,
- Acid base reactions lab
- testing properties of different types of compounds (ionic or molecular)

## **Arts**

- Stephane Ostrander - Cinefest Award
- Mitchell Jackson - guest artist (see news link)  
<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/world-renowned-dancer-choreographer-returns-home-to-teach-sudbury-students-1.6592691>
- History of SSS News piece  
<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/sudbury-student-graduates-from-same-school-100-years-apart-from-great-grandmother-1.6480529>
- Ennis Sisters
- Little Mermaid

## **Headstrong**

It would be great if you mentioned the good work that our Headstrong Committee is doing (for the past 4 years). We have an awesome group of students and staff that meet weekly to organize monthly mental health and wellness initiatives for the school community.

Here are a few pics from last week's Multicultural Fall Fair :) Six students won food baskets that were donated by the Flour Mill Community Garden. October 25th Headstrong Summit will be occurring. We will be sending 10 students.

8- Parent Council at our Open House December 11th. We would love representation from parents.

9- Other Business

Kate brought up protests and counter protests. Perhaps our school is being targeted. How do we stand up for our children's rights?

Adjourn at 6:20