

Sudbury Secondary School Parent Council
October 14 2026 Meeting



Members Present:

Heather Downey - Administrator
Kyle Gutcher - Administrator
Erin Ferguson - Administrator
Trenessa Beers-Marcolin - Teaching Staff
Jessica Watts - Garreau - Parent
Callie Bertrand - Student

Regrets:

Sherry Loranger - Parent
James Taylor - Parent
Kylie Taylor - Parent

1. Enrollment

SSS 454
N'Swakamok 44
Adult Day School 45

2. Approve minutes of last (October) meeting

a. [26.03 SSS Parent Council](#)

Moved: Kyle Gutscher

Seconded: Erin Ferguson

3. Ministry Updates

- a. Attendance & Participation has been regulated to again be a part of a students final mark, therefore exam percentages have

been adjusted. Students will have the values in their course outlines.

- b. Careers has a new Financial Literacy exam that is a graduation requirement

4. P.I.C - Parent Involvement Committee

- a. Board wide event at SSS November 03

5. Fundraising - Call for volunteers with parents (please and thank you)

6. Roles:

- a. Chair
- b. Secretary - Heather Downey
- c. Fundraising
- d. PIC

Moved:

Seconded:

7. School Update

- a. School beautification and improvements

- i. MacKenzie Street has been levelled and re-paved to improve safety, traffic flow, and drainage.
- ii. Gardens

- b. Student Parliament - Callie Bertrand

- i. Student Parliament - all roles are filled - added a new position this year - MLL representative - we are happy to have our MLL students represented. (multilingual learner ambassador)
- ii. Dress Drive is open every second Friday for free formal wear!
- iii. Multicultural Day
- iv. Sold out of a lot of food, good turn out, people enjoyed it - lots of community members including Scott from Scotland and Jamie West, YMCA

Upcoming Events:

- v. Giggles and grub (3rd Friday of each month (starting this Friday)) -giving students a cost efficient lunch option
 - vi. Prep Rally (To show off the different clubs, sports, and teams) *This Friday
 - vii. Halloween Spirit week 26-30th this month
Coloring contest
 - viii. Haunted hallway - \$2 entry fee goes to our own value vault -Oct 30th
 - ix. Halloween dance (\$5 a ticket to buy into the dance for periods 3 and 4) Oct 30th
 - x. Prom will be selling concessions to help them raise money
 - xi. Holiday feast (Wednesday December 16th)
 - xii. Holiday assembly (We're having one, if no snowday) (Friday December 18th)
 - xiii. Door decorating contests (Week leading up to Holiday break) (Judging on 18th)
 - xiv. Selling cookie grams during exams
 - xv. Mention that we're planning a coffee house, opening mic night (potently in November)
- c. EQAO.
- i. **Numeracy 58% 5%↑** (10% above board average, 1 of 2 with an increase)
 - ii. **Literacy FTE 80%!!!! 3%↑**
 - 1. Literacy Test prep begins!
 - 2. Grade 10 classes will run short literacy units
 - 3. Target groups are being pulled for weekly OSSLT prep sessions
 - 4. Literacy Carousels for all writers will run Oct. 28 & 29
 - 5. The Literacy Test is: November 16, 17 & 18
- d. Guidance and Student Services
- i. The Guidance office has been very busy with the school start up- registering new students and fixing up timetable changes for the early part of September.

- ii. Guidance is also proud of the Graduation ceremony in June awarding \$21,700 to our students who are moving onto Post- Secondary opportunities.
- iii. Guidance is now currently supporting students in the exploration of post secondary opportunities as well as helping them apply to OCAS and OUAC if needed for the 2027-2028 school year. We are also preparing for our North Star Awards ceremony that will be happening on Oct 15th in our auditorium for all subject award winners from last school year.

e. Headstrong Summit - October 21st

- i. This is a Mental Health Initiative from the Mental Health Commission of Canada reaching across Canada to teach students how to promote mental health and to reduce stigma.

f. Physical Education

Fall sports are up and running and getting close to playoffs and city championships.

- i. Girls Flag Football - currently in the season looking to try and clinch a playoff spot

Coaches: Mr. Parisotto, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Duncan

- ii. Cross Country Running - our runners are competing in a number of races with the hopes of qualifying for the OFSAA championship which will be held in Sudbury this year

Coaches: Ms. Kuhlberg, Ms. Lankshear

- iii. Girls Basketball - after a long hiatus the girls basketball program is back under the guidance of Mr. McCracken and

Mr. Jameus. They will play their first home game this evening.

- iv. Tennis - the tennis team sent reps to the girls singles and mixed doubles competitions this year. Callie Bertrand had a solid performance in girls singles.

Coach: Mr. Asunmaa

g. Science

- i. - Macromolecule Lab - testing for different macromolecules in our foods
- ii. - Enzyme Lab - testing the effect of different factors on enzymes found on the human body
- iii. - Alka Seltzer Lab - testing how temperature affects the dissolving rate of Alka Seltzer
- iv. - Mine Opportunity Games Tomorrow

h. Special Education

- i. SSS has a population of around 200 students with IEP's (130 Identified and 71 with Non-Exceptional IEP's). We have four full periods of resource support running in order to help students with their homework and also their organizational skills and study skills. Along with the students in the regular program we also support a variety of students in Intensive Support Programs here at SSS.
- ii. Our ASD and Lifeskills classes are focusing on four areas with their students including, Functional Academics, Behaviour, Communication Skills and Social Skills. We have a total of 15 students in these programs who are supported by two different teachers and 5 educational assistants throughout the day. Our Day Treatment ISP classroom hosts a total of 9 students and has the support of a teacher, an educational assistant as well as clinicians from Compass. All staff members in this program work together to help support the students' with their

academics as well as their mental health and social and emotional needs.

- iii. IEP's for all students will be sent home the week of Oct 19th.

- i. Arts Education

- i. Dance

Students are currently working on choreography for their Christmas variety show performance in November.

Dance students will also be participating in this year's CTV Children's Christmas Telethon with (hopefully) 2 dance numbers.

We are looking forward to hosting Andrée and Gabby Guenette into our space this month and next, to workshop and set choreography on our dance students.

Performing Dance Troupe has started with pieces being created both for Let's Dance as well as Karve Dance Challenge - a dance competition in North Bay. We will also be attending OTF (On The Floor) dance competition with a few selected soloists in Alliston.

Our students will also be participating in Nexxus Dance Convention on October 17th - Nexxus consistently reaches out each year to offer our students free admission to their convention.

Some of our students will be participating in Destiny Dance Convention as well, which will be happening on November 7th at the Holiday Inn.

Guest choreographers we have this year include Andrée & Gabby Guenette (as mentioned above), alumni's Thea Baylosis, Alyssa Howard-Smith and Avery Jorgensen.

- ii. Drama

We are working on monologues regarding world issues and we are starting our Mime unit with juniors. We are

heading to STC next month to see Frozen and we started blocking our Christmas show last week!

iii. Vocals

We are working on our audition for the Christmas Telethon and working on our Christmas show. We also got invited to sing O Canada at the Sudbury Arena for Remembrance Day!

iv. Visual Art

Grade 9 students in the Expressions of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Cultures class are learning to *Describe* and *Analyze* watercolour artworks by Indigenous and Canadian artists such as Emily Henderson, Colleen Gray, and David McKown. They are painting landscapes using watercolour techniques, and then describing and analyzing their own work.

The students recently went to an Indigenous Art exhibit in Sudbury where they learned about local and Manitoulin artists.

Visual Art trip to Toronto for all VA majors on Friday Oct. 23. We are going to the AGO to see the Impressionism exhibition.

Visual Art - 9 Majors have learned about drawing and design and are about to embark on a watercolour landscape painting.

Open Art - Charcoal portraits, Environmental Justice art and now acrylic landscape painting.

Mural Club students are collaborating to plan a mural.

Many grade 9's are working on painting stools. A couple are working on the paintings for the outdoor gallery.

v. Photography

We are up to 10 Majors in this second semester of offering it. Students are taking pet photos, baby photos,

learning about etiquette, lighting and camera techniques.
Fall and Halloween photos are next up.

vi. Instrumental Music

Jazz Band is performing at Northstar Awards
Jazz Band, Concert Band, and some small ensembles
are preparing to play at the Variety show.
Co-curriculars are back and in full swing :)

Next meeting January 13th 5:00-6:00

5:50 p.m.Meeting adjourned