

GFESS Parent Council Minutes

Meeting date: April 17th, 2023

Meeting time: start time: 6:30pm
end time: 7:26pm

Location: Library

We started out meeting with a Niagara College and OSAP presentation

1. Student Council Report presented by *Hailey Hudson (student rep)*

a. Celebrity Photo Day

- February 24
- Students enjoyed dressing up as their favorite celebrity

b. Pink Shirt Day

- February 22
- Anti-bullying awareness day. Lots of pink worn by the students and staff.

c. Colour Wars

- March 10
- Students involved very high to be continued in June
- Award handed out for each grade Spirit MVP
- In-person talent show, great response
- Downfall - lots of wait time.

d. Plaid Project

- March 8
- Mental Health Awareness Day
- Great way to take action and have those difficult conversations.
- Lots of student participation

e. Positive Stick

- March 8-10
- Positive messages on sticky notes around the school

f. Spring Egg Hunt

- April 16
- The entire school community was involved in finding the eggs.

g. Prom

- May 26
- Cost \$70.00 per person
- To be held at the Crown Plaza

h. Little Shop of Horrors

- Six Performances April 21-30
- Tickets can be purchased online or at the door

2. Teacher's Report presented by Doug. (Teacher)

a. Midterm marks

- Coming out soon
- Marks are due by Wednesday
- Students should be notified of any outstanding assignments

b. Extra Help

- Any student requiring extra help in Math and/or Science, teachers are available Tuesdays and Thursdays after school
- English after school or during lunch

3. Principal's Report presented by Fred L. (Principal)

c. Administration Changes

- Mr. Josh Connors will be co-principal at Eastdale High School.
- Welcome Mr. Kuebeck to GFESS

d. Live Differently group

- Two assemblies: one for the juniors and one for the seniors
- "Being the best version of yourself"
- Discussion on: mentoring, school culture and helping each other

e. Mentoring

- GFESS will identify 50 students to be mentors for the grade 9 students coming in.
- Take all the learning and pass it along to support each other

f. Awards Assembly

- May 11th

g. Enrollment/Staffing

- 2023-2024, estimate 1081 students which is +150 students from last year
 - This will affect staffing. Additional sections will be reflected on the high enrolment.
 - DSBN will see 40 retirements this year. This may also affect staffing at GFESS.
 - 12 new full time teachers at GFESS.

h. School Bells

- school bells will remain the same next year as this year.

i. Summer School

- Summer School offerings are now available on the DSBN website.
- Courses run for the month of July or August.
- All courses except for Physical Education will be offered through e-learning.

Next Meetings: 6:30pm start

May 15, 2023

June 19, 2023 TBD