

## GFESS Parent Council Meeting October 21, 2024

Attendance: Stephanie, Rayomand, Hailley, Avery, Fred, Kristin, Marie, Susan, John, Carrie, and Doug

Location: Library

Time started: 6:30pm

Time Ended: 7:20pm

### Agenda

Who	Item	Notes
Hailley-Student rep	New rep	Avery will be taking over on the parent council once Hailey graduates.
	Student Voice Forum (Oct. 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will be happening the 1st Tuesday every month with Atrium</li> <li>- an opportunity for all to express their voice</li> </ul>
	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wear orange shirts</li> <li>- Unity walk event with the FEFNC</li> </ul>
	Halloween Bake Sale (Oct. 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student Council Fundraiser</li> <li>- Raised \$469.85</li> <li>- proceeds go towards the Student Council with Ontario Leadership Conference</li> <li>- Student Council have done other fundraisers to bring their cost down,.</li> </ul>
	Nightmare on the Dance Floor Halloween Dance (Oct. 29)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tickets are \$5</li> <li>- 6 pm-9 pm</li> <li>- Ping pong and dance</li> <li>- Snacks, pizza, pop will be for sale</li> </ul>
	Ski & Snowboard Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passes and transportation is \$475 for a season on Wednesday nights</li> <li>- Contact Mr. Connor about the prices</li> <li>- issue with school cash with cost and rentals</li> </ul>
	Pep Rally (Oct. 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During period 5</li> <li>- Wear Pink Out to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month</li> </ul>
	GFESS Pride Day (Sept. 27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Event in Caf. with games and prizes</li> <li>-Also known as games day</li> </ul>

Doug Teacher rep	Progress Report	Came out two weeks ago.
	Parent-Teacher Interviews	Excellent attendance. All teachers were busy. Only 12 slots for the two hours. If parent/guardian was unable to meet with the teacher please connect through email or phone. At this point, all parent/guardian should be aware of how their child is doing in their classes.
Fred Principal	Lockdown/Lock and Learn Procedures	<p>Every year there are lockdowns or lock and learn procedures. These need to be conducted twice per year (one per semester). Teachers do receive training every year.</p> <p>In the event of a real lockdown, communication would be through the school board's communication department.</p> <p>Emergency procedures and protocols are all listed on DSBN website.</p>
Roxanne Chair	<p>Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)</p> <p>This year's conference is on <b>Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00 to 8:15 pm at Eden High School in St. Catharines</b></p>	<p>The event is offered at no cost to families and is an ideal opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with each other and hear from community partners about important topics relevant to your child(ren).</p> <p><b><u>Session Topics:</u></b></p> <p>The theme is <b>Student Wellbeing in the Digital Age. With 14 presentations being offered</b>, participants can choose to attend two one-hour sessions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Media and Mental Health</li> <li>• Cyber Safety</li> <li>• Technology Addiction</li> <li>• Proactive Parenting</li> <li>• and much more</li> </ul> <p><b><u>The conference also features:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A light dinner + evening refreshments</li> <li>• Free childcare up to 12 years old</li> <li>• An educational showcase where exhibitors/community agencies will offer information and resources about their organization or service</li> <li>• <b>New this year</b> – you may have the</li> </ul>

		<p>opportunity to receive free bus transportation to the conference if there are enough families from our school attending to fill a bus. Please contact the office if you have any questions</p> <p><b><u>Conference Agenda:</u></b>  <b>4:00 - 5:15:</b> Registration, Light Dinner &amp; Educational Showcase  <b>5:15 - 5:25:</b> Opening Remarks  <b>5:45 - 6:45:</b> 1st Session  <b>6:45 - 7:15:</b> Educational Showcase &amp; Refreshments  <b>7:15 - 8:15:</b> 2nd Session</p> <p>Register by October 30 <a href="https://pic-registration.dsbm.org/">https://pic-registration.dsbm.org/</a></p>
others	Semi-Formal How is the date picked?	Date for the semi-formal is picked by the student council usually based on availability with the hall. Concerns raised that the semi-formal is always held during American Thanksgiving.
	. TYKTWD	Take your kids to work day Nov. 8 - great opportunity for grade 9 students Suggestion for teachers to take a moment to discuss what students learned from their experience.
	Role of parent council	Parent council is devised from a group of volunteer parents/guardians who provide guidance to the school.

Next Meeting: **December 16th at 6:30pm**