

February 2025 - Minutes

Welcome - Ray - chairing for R. Rees (absent for family emergency)

Student Report of Student Activities - *H.Hudson*

- Highlights of student activities
- October - Pumpkin carving, promoted on Instagram
- Semi-Formal, dinner and dance
- November - Student Voice Forum
- Coffee House, Music and Food, to provide connection opportunities for student
- Cafeteria music - students play music and sing at lunch
- Student Leadership Conference coming up
- Holiday Candy Grams, Spirit Days
- BSA and Student Council cooperating to promote BHM
- Culture Night Fundraiser - Feb 11 - Bake Sale
- RPS - Rock Paper Scissors Game Day
- Question re: Student Voice Forum - Ms. Murdoch
- Question re: Student Leadership -- any outside speakers? No, all speakers are GFESS students past or present. Talent is present to offer workshops and share ideas that are coming from our amazing student leaders

Teacher Update - *D. Gilmour*

- Exam time has just passed
- Final Culminating Activities have evolved for junior students
- All classes demonstrated their final culminating activities in variety of types of tasks
- Exams are not gone, teachers use a variety of tasks, including tests, portfolios, hands-on components, reflections, assessments to be in line with what the teacher has in their assessment plan.
- Weighting is adjusted - 70% course - 30% FCA components
- Beginning of Semester 2 has gone very smoothly
- Students are settling in
- Some students are still changing classes, but that should be done soon

Principal Update - *J. Folino*

- Introduction/Background
- Report Cards for Sem 1 - Aspen Parent Portal
- Progress Reports - March 6 - Early Indicators of Progress
- Parent/Caregiver Information Night - March 20 4-6pm
- OFSAA Swimming - 5 athletes
- April - Legally Blonde Musical, co-curricular effort, tech classes, drama, music

- Skills Competition - coming up 30 students,
- Mr. Sider receiving Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions at DSBN Board Meeting
- FanCon

Questions - OSSLT

- J. Folino explained the scoring of the OSSLT
- 300/400 is a pass - 75% is a pass
- Grad requirement
- Can be satisfied through a course (Ontario Literacy Course)
- 2 attempts in grade 10 - Fall and Spring
- Literacy Support Sessions in Feb/Mar
- EQAO website
 - <https://www.eqao.com/about-eqao/>
- When is next meeting - June 16th
- Dinner/Celebration - 4 meetings required
- Elections - timeline?
- Discussion of role of School Council - bingos
- Agenda - choose another meeting
- March 24 next meeting - 6:30 pm

Questions - Book Purchasing, Book Choice for schools and libraries

Adjourned 7:20pm