



# GFESS School Council Meeting

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Attendance:** Kim Carey, Doug Gilmour (staff rep), Jenn Madde, Jim Marshall, Avery Webb (student rep), John Mollicone, Susan Javanovic, Kristin Pisaric, Danielle Brisbois, Carrie McLennan, Melissa Roth, Fred Louws (principal)

**Regrets:** Ray Darukhanawalla, Kashmira Darukhanawalla

**Location:** GFESS Learning Commons

**Time Started:** 6:00 p.m.

**Time Ended:** 6:55 p.m.

Who	Item	Notes
Chair - Rayomand	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On behalf of Ray, Fred chaired meeting and welcomed all in attendance for coming out.</li></ul>
	Approval of Previous Minutes – Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes approved by Danielle, seconded by John, all in favour...approved.</li></ul>
	Any new agenda items to be added/discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>
Principal Louws	Welcome Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome 😊.</li></ul>
Student Rep - Avery Webb	Student Council Webpage Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>OSLC – Student Leadership Conference was attended by student leaders with much fanfare and success.</li><li>Halloween Dance on October 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success.</li><li>Ongoing fundraisers taking place, including tonight's McDonald's fundraiser which staff and students participated in (10% of sales go towards GFESS).</li><li>Colour Wars planning is underway for before the Winter Holidays.</li><li>Ongoing Spirit Days.</li><li>Students are encouraged to follow check out our Student Council website: <a href="https://sites.google.com/dsbn.org/gfessstudentcouncil/home">https://sites.google.com/dsbn.org/gfessstudentcouncil/home</a></li></ul>

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Teacher Rep - Mr. Doug Gilmour	Update Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween Dance was the best attended one that Doug has witnessed over the years. The haunted house was very well done and very scary and well received by our students.</li> <li>Honour Roll Celebration was very well attended by students and families. The GFESS Alumni panel was very informative for our current students for their planning for post-secondary pathways.</li> </ul>
Principal - Mr. Fred Louws Principal's Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice Drill for Lockdown took place on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and was well planned and received by staff, students, families.</li> <li>Mid-term Reports went home last week to student via email, parents/guardians via Parent Portal.</li> <li>OSSLT took place last week (M, W, Th, F).</li> <li>Remembrance Day Assembly took place last Tuesday. Student body was very respectful and appreciative of the messages and stories shared during the assembly.</li> <li>Picture Retakes took place today.</li> <li>EQAO Snapshot takes place tomorrow. The data from these snapshots will assist our teachers with where our students are successful and where more teaching and support is required in preparation for the actual EQAO assessment during FCAs.</li> <li>Student Supports – In-School Student Success Team explained, along with processes, referrals, supports for students.</li> <li>School Council Meeting Minutes can now be found on our school website: <a href="http://greaterforterie.dsbn.org">greaterforterie.dsbn.org</a></li> <li>Santa Claus Parade is this coming Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. GFESS cards with information about the free skates we have provided for families during the winter holidays, along with a candy cane will be handed out to young people enjoying the parade. Last year we handed out 800 (and ran out), this year we have 2,400 (left overs will be dropped off at one of our feeder schools to hand out. Garrison Road Public School is joining us with our float and students and mascot.</li> </ul>
ALL	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on vaping. Vape detectors have been installed as of last spring. Staff are doing their best to monitor, and when needed administration are doing their best to educate through consequences. Supports are provided for students with addiction to vapes/smoking.</li> <li>2 eLearning mandatory credits was clarified by principal that yes, this is a requirement for a student to receive their OSSD.</li> <li>Next meeting GFESS sweatshirts will be shared with members of School Council.</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.