

Meeting Minutes
School Council
Grimsby Secondary School
25-November 2020
7pm Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome/Introduction

Meeting commenced at 7:03. Mr. Miller introduced all staff present.

2. Introduce Abby Gardner

GSS Student, joining us to share some insight on student life at school. Abby shared that the students felt school is very different right now. The addition of MSIP is very helpful as it helps to balance student's schedules, giving them time to catch up if needed. The teachers have been very understanding of students adjusting to the new schedule and are being very flexible. For in school days, the additional 75 minutes at home is very useful for finishing up your work. Most students are enjoying the later start. Nice to be able to catch up on some sleep. Grade 12 students are very hopeful to be able to have a modified grad this year. Possibly something online.

3. Schedule Change

- a) Alternating week schedule - same basic system and pattern
- b) Sem 2 schedule TBA

4. Midterm Reports

- a) Distribution – to be sent to student's school email addresses.
- b) Process following reports

5. EQAO Preparation

more details to come, will be online testing. Teachers are getting students ready and waiting for dates to be announced.

- a) Grade 9 Math – may not be happening for first semester grade 9's.
- b) OSSLT

6. Grad Hoodies and Spirit Wear

Grad hoodies were ordered. If your student missed out, it may still be possible to order. Spirit wear sales are ongoing and are through School Cash

7. Bullying Awareness/Prevention week (Nov 16-20)

- 1. Paul Davis Presentation for Grade 9's
 - a) Announcements
 - b) Ongoing mental health/well being work - see GSS website

8. Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism work

- a) Staff participated in a PD Day workshop
- b) Interrupting Biased Comments in the moment
- c) Continued work on Critical Conversations, Brave Spaces

9. Website Tour

- a) Updates – changes made to reflect current student learning. Twitter posts and Facebook posts sharing information are also posted here.
- b) Schedules for Cohort A, B, and online learners accessible on website
- c) Banners - COVID self assessment, click on link

- d) Resources - side bar – Online Learning Supports, Parent Teacher Interviews, School Cash, Camp Eagle, Student Password Reset, Student Handbook, Student Support Services, Spirit Ware

10.GBF Hamper Program

- a) Boxes in home rooms on Tuesday, December 1st

Teen Gifts o Gift Cards for: ▪ Booster Juice ▪ Little Caesars ▪ McDonalds ▪ Tim Hortons o Sports Items ▪ Footballs ▪ Soccer Balls o Fishing Poles o Bath Bombs & Bath Supplies o Hair Products: ▪ Hair Spray ▪ Hair Gel o Perfume / Cologne o Hair Dryers / Straighteners / Curling Irons o Nail Salon Gift Certificates • Senior Gifts o Throw Blankets o Adult Activity/Colouring Books o Journals o Knitting Supplies o Bathrobes o Slippers

Adult Gifts o Generic Items o Christmas Gift Sets o Slippers o Household Items: ▪ Frying Pans / Pots ▪ Tea Towels / Dish Clothes ▪ Bath Towels / Wash Clothes ▪ Bedding – Queen Size o Tim Hortons / Coffee Gift Cards o Hair Cut Gift Certificates o Restaurant Gift Cards

11.Student Activities

- a) Student Council, Senate
- b) RPG Club – on Microsoft TEAMS
- c) Ethics Bowl – (like a debate team)

12.Parent Involvement Committee Speaker Series

The DSBN is excited to introduce the 2020-21 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Virtual Speaker Series! Parents and families can join these free and interactive presentations over the school year and hear from influential speakers about a variety of topics that are helpful to families.

The first virtual event of the series will focus on mental health and well-being with Anne Murray from Strong Minds Strong Kids Psychology Canada, presenting, Taking Care of You! Anne works with families, educators, and youth to coach and facilitate ways to recognize, reduce, and develop strategies for managing stress.

- Anne's presentation will support you to:
 - Learn more about stress and tools for how to cope
 - Learn how to better understand and support your child cope with their own stress
- Virtual Speaker Series: Topic 1 – Mental Health and Well-Being
 - Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
 - Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM · Registration link:
<https://www.dsbn.org/pic/speakerseries.html>

13. Niagara Region Transportation Update

The advertisement features a dark grey background with a network of white dots and lines. On the left, there is a white location pin icon with the text 'VIA' below it. To its right is the 'nrt DEMAND' logo, which includes a stylized white and teal 'N' above the text 'nrt' in a teal circle and 'DEMAND' in white. Below these logos is a black SUV with the VIA and nrt DEMAND logos on its side. To the right of the car, the text reads: 'Need to get to ... work? school? volunteer? a friend's? practice? Take NRT OnDemand.' Below this, it says '\$10 credit with promo code: NRTHIGHSCHOOLS' in a teal box. A small note below the box says '*New users only. Expires 12/31/20.' At the bottom left, it says 'Learn more at niagararegion.ca/transit Download the NRT OnDemand app or call 289-302-2172 to book a ride.' At the bottom right, it says 'Download and Ride' with 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' buttons.

14. Open Mic Event

This upcoming Tuesday December 1st we will be hosting our 2nd virtual open mic event from 4:00-5:00 PM! If you are interested in participating as a performer or a listener, please click the link below and fill out a quick survey so we can plan accordingly:

<https://forms.gle/MPL4zGyQbforzHbL9>

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact the organizers:

Mr. Alt (ryan.alt@dsbn.org) or

Ms. Lamphier (christy.lamphier@dsbn.org)

We look forward to hearing all the amazing performances by our talented GSS students!

15. Parent Items – Open Chat

- a) Melissa Hobbs, School Council Chair thanked Mr. Miller for his ongoing communication with parents as many parents are feeling a bit disconnected. The School is making the best of an awful situation.
- b) The first Open mic night was a great event Mr. Miller said they had 25 or 26 students participate. Meeting chat was full of supportive and positive comments.

16. AOB

Next Meeting TBA