



KSS / Vanier

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

**Location: KSS / Vanier Library and virtual
option**

- 1. Welcome: Attendees:** Rob Switzer (KSS Teacher), Rachel Bearse (Math Teacher), Jim, Sarah, Darren Seymour (Principal), Stephanie, Virginia, Adrita, Michelle Sousa (Vice Principal), Catherine, Charlene, Alison & Hamon.
Regrets: Mona
- 2. Land Acknowledgement:**
 - a. The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Metis, Inuit, and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.*
- 3. Introductions Round Table**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Approval of (Previous) meeting minutes**
- 6. Student Representative Update - Adrita** - Spring sports are starting up; Spring Dance April 25th, Spring Coffee House in early April, Concert Band will now be offered as a credit. Stephanie asked Adrita if she could display the Campaign 30 on social media.
- 7. PRO Grant Application – Virginia Venditti**

Approved – KSS for financial literacy workshop; Vanier focus on mental health and resilience building (guest speaker to be found) – Transitioning to 7/8 and then high school and mental well being.

Budget \$1,000 per session (10% for food); suggestions to have both sessions on the same evening with a small overlap, so that parents can attend both if they would like. Sessions must be completed by May 23. Ms Sousa will discuss dates with administration. Stephanie would like to have a sub-committee to help plan. Email interest can be sent to Stephanie or Virginia. (Laura Southall may be a good contact for financial literacy.) Speakers need to be focused at the parents to use the information to support students. Students would be welcome to attend as well.

8. Teacher Representative Update

Rachel shared math exercise using algebra tiles and how to solve $3x + 5 = x - 1$; Rachel is finding that using tiles helps students who are more visual learners. Website to see more: [Bearsemath.com](https://www.bearsemath.com)

Midterms are coming up. Ask your student what is due in the next few weeks to help alleviate the stress and pressure that children face with deadlines.

9. **Pic meeting** – Virginia shared that there would be a list of board groups shared with schools so that they know what they can attend.

10. Principal's Report- Darren Seymour

Watched video from Director (6.5 minutes) Calendar 25-26 option #3 chosen and still waiting for ministry approval; Parents and staff are asked to complete 25-26 Budget Survey; Virtual School Survey needs to be completed by March 20, 2025; Online Resources and tutoring has some math resources; AI Steering Committee has been set up please visit the limestone website, April 30 there will be an AI information session; Student Census will be coming out in November, student human rights reporting information and data collection will be shared by the beginning of April.

S'more newsletter is being published every month and sometimes it misses some of the events that are going on, but it is a good snap shot of what is happening at KSS and Vanier.

My Blueprint evening was a good success to help build capacity for students and families.

March 26 KSS Parent/Teacher night. Sign up opens April 2nd to make appointments online.

Grade 10 students – 45 students will be given a survey to complete regarding math skills through PIZA

School is getting ready for Relay for Life. Only a portion of the school is participating in the relay, so there will be a push to extend participation to others.

Administration has met with the Safe School Committee and some recommendations have come forward and will be forwarded to the board for review/approval. (i.e no camera in the elevator and some classroom spaces like shops and music rooms have limited capacity to hear announcements so may use some visual cue so that the class will see that there is an emergency occurring.)

Enrolment projections with the new no boundary catchment could result in two or three portables being added.

11. New Business – Darren Seymour

- a. Bylaws – Stephanie explained that Calvin/LCVI are working on bylaws and KSS/Vanier will be looking for input and ideas.
- b. Stephanie shared the give 30 campaign on behalf of Mona and the Food Bank. Ask if Tracy can share the flyer on the website.

Adjournment

Next meeting: April 15th at 6:30 p.m. in person in the KSS library.