

Lisgar School Council – Draft Meeting Agenda
7:00 p.m. October 12, 2021
Virtual – via Google Meet

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Item	Time (pm)	Speaker
1. Call to Order and Amendment / Approval of Agenda Q. I have a question about last month's Q & Session. Surprised when reading about ventilation – that we don't have any air cleaners at school. A. Patsy - please direct any questions about ventilation to board website – which is available for each of schools. Q. The website directs you back to the principal of own school. It appeared from the Q & A that we don't have air cleaners/scrubbers in the classrooms – and knowing that many other schools do all over the world, I was surprised about that. I was hoping to hear that there was a plan to get them in. A. Patsy. We will look into it and get back to you Move to approve agenda – Mei-Lin Move to second ??	7:04 - 7:05	Lucie Bohac Minh Trinh
2. Amendment / Approval of Minutes a. September 21, 2021 b. Minh move to approve the minutes, c. Seconded by Adnan ??	7:05 - 7:07	Lucie Bohac Minh Trinh
3. Principal's / VP Updates Noor Harriz – teacher volunteer will provide update Displayed Link Crew team deck – the link is on the Lisgar website as well – shared with Grade 9 classroom – and will put on google classroom – Important to look at “some good news” Parents, teachers, students, can fill out google form with some good news they want to share. In classrooms – if teachers need a link leader – can click on to look for link leader. Parents can also purchase yearbook – go to Lisgar website – school cash on-line link – or also in banner can find a cycle of images, one of which is the yearbook. Copies from 2019/2020 yearbook is still available – all you need is the receipt to pick up from the office.	7:18 - 7:43	Patsy Agard

The cover contest is underway – and can email yearbook.
Contests that are starting to run – CNIL math contest, morning announcements have more information.

Shared video on AP Calculus Classroom – students are back and happy.
Something new – **WBC** [Whiteboard.chat](#) about equity in classroom – learning tool – allows for students to have same quality product using simple tablets/computer accessible to all learners.
All the work can be put in one place – on paper – uploaded.
Wealth inequality – healthy discussion to help students reflect.

Q. Interested in Whiteboard chat. Is this a tool that teachers use in the classrooms? How do kids know about it?

A. It does come with a plan if you want to invest in your own classroom. It is made for teachers – I am an ambassador for this software. It comes with ads – but not invasive – from teacher mentality. Students can create their own – but don't need email addresses – don't need id to join. Just using their own name, can join their group – work on it one on one – can see everything from my screen.

Babak Ghiri – one good news story – the Grade 12 grad photos are a tremendous success – some are dressed in cultural clothes, ethnic clothes. 176 G-12 students doing the photo shoots. Should be 230 students by Friday of this week. Started Sept 27th, runs to October 15th. One at a time to auditorium for photos.

Grad students were a priority. School photos to be determined – waiting for more instructions.

OSSLT – Literacy Test – waived for graduating students for 2021/2022 school year. If they are on track to graduate, they are not required to write OSSLT.

Test will be written this fall for G-11 students Friday Nov 19th, and Monday Nov 22nd in morning. Richard, is spearheading this task, will have more information to share. Chrome books will be available and will be locked – kiosk mode.

G-11 students will be working on it this fall – G-10, next year.

Q. In the past – students had prep time whether it be literacy or math. Given that we have quadmester – condensed classes, will students have opportunity to get prep support? Anytime there is standardized test, kids get anxious about it.

A. Patsy – in the past we have run different activities i.e. bootcamp. Given that it is based on G-9 curriculum, don't feel a need to address it. If they are not successful, they can rewrite in spring. G.11s should be able to handle this. Babak – practice tests, also English language learner support is available.

A. Patsy – This would not necessarily be in class – likely students would be able to do it in home on their own – school may not be able to incorporate in daily activities.

Patsy – certain extra curricular activities are permitted to be in person – i.e., student council, social justice clubs.

Thank you to all parents who wrote to trustees – we are getting traction – there is discussion around music at the school board meeting. They are talking about whether there is a way to allow 3rd class, it is on the board's agenda – recognize the need to get it moving – in hands of ministry – but keep letters coming.

At the end of September – we had a meet the teachers' virtual presentation – we had 10-minute introduction for parents to meet the teacher. Presentation – of destreaming of math – session was taped – and is available on school website.

Next week board has launch day – G-11/G-12, Oct 21st and 22nd – 2nd [annual virtual pathway conference](#), students can visit job fairs/ talk to different representatives – and event will be taped. Can have opportunity to revisit at a later time/ date.

Babak – an authentic learning experience – the profession and career exploration is significant piece, but there is also a networking piece – to develop connections with people who are sources of wisdom and share insight with students. It is a professionally, wonderful and rich learning experience. Launch 2020 was an inaugural event. There is talk about a weekend – like a college/university fair held in Toronto in the next year. Information will be coming to parents and students tomorrow. Fall award ceremony – Wednesday November 3rd. It will be a quick awards ceremony – award and program – based on last year's mark/grades.

EQAO math evaluation for G-9 will happen in class – cancelled last year – but back this year – in January.

Q. Is there update on what sport we will be hosting?

A. Patsy – only official team is cross country. We didn't feel ready to try other sports as there were too many unanswered questions. For instance,

transportation was a main issue. Hopefully winter will be better, X-country team has first competition this Thursday – they’ve been practicing. We attempted to have girls’ basketball, volleyball, boys soccer, boys basketball amongst others too – but decided against it. Q. When does boys’ basketball start? A. November. It’s a winter sport.		
4. Students Council Report Kimberly – Liang – virtual clubs’ day – no deadline to sign up. We had Clubs Day recently and this presentation was shared with all students: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GLK64B7GSLR54aUSGRRxRy5ph85BTOy9-7dU9WuYswU/edit#slide=id.p. They can sign up for as many clubs as they'd like and there is no deadline to sign up. There may also be a couple of club head positions that are still available for the social justice clubs if that is of interest to students. We had Orange Shirt Day on September 30th and all students were encouraged to wear orange shirts. Student Council prepared a brochure with resources and information that was sent to all students if they'd like to learn more. The Lisgar Student Info Google Classroom initiative was launched. This was an idea that I had in my campaign and wanted to carry out to help increase communication and transparency of information. All students were invited and we post helpful links and opportunities for students to find out about. Grade Rep elections will take place next week and interviews are continuing throughout this week. Prom Committee (the group in charge of planning the prom and grad wear) is nearly finished being formed and all interviews have been completed. There will be a Halloween spirit event on the last week of October with a costume contest (students are encouraged to dress up) and there will also be a Halloween virtual event with a murder mystery, where students have the opportunity to win prizes. In the works for the future:	7:07 - 7:18	Kimberly Liang

• Town Hall about issues that Indigenous communities are facing and implementation of a new Social Justice Council with all the culture and social justice clubs • Winter Lisgear - we would love to hear feedback if there are any clothing items that you'd like to buy (socks, hats, tuques, hoodies, sweatpants etc.) • Food Drive with the Emergency Food Centre • Mental Health ad hoc committee on Student Council (we will begin this starting next week) • Club Head Council (starting next month) Patsy- Congratulations on your presentations on all in a day – CBC – last Tuesday! Great message! Shafryne – Thank you for the comprehensive summary – is there access to google classroom for parents to access – with all different social media platforms? It would be good to have the access point before regular updates. Is it possible to develop events calendar so we don't lose track of the events that are coming down the pipe of student council? A. Kimberly – maybe a separate google classroom can be developed (max 1,000). A. Patsy - Student council is good at updating website – which can go on school calendar – just add to it rather than having a separate one. Q. Lucie – do you know how many clubs this year? A. Kimberly – over 40 – some of the clubs are looking for club heads this year – i.e., social justice ones.		
5. Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Budget First a shout out to Lucie, Patsy and Minh for their work. Financial Update Fiscal year financially – two envelopes – operational fund – generally brought up by a 500 OCDSB allotment to all schools – plus rollover of funds from previous year. Donation fund – recently – school cash online – can make donations while they make payments - i.e. school fees. In past year – used the funds for - food/ hospitality class, teacher's appreciation lunch, tribute plaque, holiday fund for families in need (\$4,300); A number of claims still need to be reconciled – working with secretary to make sure teachers put in their claims. We presented numbers in June – and will provide numbers next time.	7:45 - 7:55	Phillip Rennison

Plan and expend between 1,000 and 1500 in operational budget – for teacher appreciation lunch, gift cards to wellness activities. Donations fund approximately 4,000 to 5,000; Students and teachers can apply for funding– but rated based on need. If it effects a large number of students/ the school etc. chances of receiving funding from council are better. Last year – we started out relatively healthy – because school wasn’t spending on programs so there is a bit of carry over. We raised over 7500 last year with a portion still waiting to be spent. New chairs will decide on timeline to disperse. Next month – hopefully we will iron out outstanding claims/ and disbursements – and will publish a report. I will propose a regular operational fund – based on regular expenses. We have school cash on – line when you make purchases – if looking to purchase yearbook – other fees – Lis gear clothing etc. There is also a place where you can make a donation to school council. These donations fund a wish list of initiatives that benefit learning experience for students. Reminder that you can purchase yearbook; Christmas drive will be forthcoming too. Patsy. Tribute plaque has been framed. We found a couple of spots – and will decide where it can be put. When it does find it’s home – can it be posted on the school website.		
6. Review of Council Positions and Election Process This is a very important process – we rely on parent volunteers. This is a place where you find out a lot of what is going on especially when your child may not be always communicating with you about day-to-day school things. We put information about positions and election process for council positions. The response has been underwhelming – understandable – because can’t meet in person – but it is important that we have parents engaged and involved for the benefit for students and school as well. We have a variety of positions that are open – including co-chair positions. Minh and I have shared this for a couple of years – important to bounce ideas off each other. It is also important to have two persons in the Secretary position - to remember all the things discussed. Webmaster – also very important – needs care/feeding information Social Media Coordinator – Facebook – good way to coordinate.	7:52 - 8:25	LSC execs who tallied the results

Few other positions –

i.e. The [Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils \(OCASC\)](#) – critical position to find out what is happening across other schools – bring issues forward to the board –working together with other schools.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – links with OCSAC,

Zone 10 – representative that sits on meetings with Trustees – Justine Bell.

We have had no one come forward for the chairs –important to have that continuity.

Both Minh and Lucie have graduating kids this year – pause for a moment – important to let us know – raise a hand to discuss.

Also need to have a dual position for secretary – with resumption with work – more travel – need to have a replacement.

Volunteer coordinator – also needed.

Fundraising coordinator – also needed take applications, have them reviewed.

Philip –It is always difficult to find parent volunteers. If we are not successful, sometimes in past some of us has worn more than one hat. I am not in the area and are working virtually. With 1200 students, we need to have parents step up, otherwise information won't get out – and won't be able to help staff and students.

Encourage parents to help out in any capacity they can. We can tailor to whatever time you can afford. If there are no volunteers moving forward, we need to move into crisis mode to have core team.

Annie Baylor– I'm ready to get involved – how should I proceed?

It is important to have fresh blood – definitely need a second secretary to support.

In many cases – we can have 2 persons share the position. If you give me a quick summary of what your interests are – then we can help.

Minh – Annie, you could take co-chair position – I am not returning. If you're willing to volunteer – I will nominate you as co-chair for coming year.

Patsy- just wanted to emphasize a great group of people to get involved with – they have a great deal of experience and patience. Several of positions are

shared – and it would make it easier on individuals. Encourage people to take the opportunity Sandya Rao – volunteer to be co-secretary. Christina Campbell - wanted to send in interest – but excluded a few roles. General idea of who we have: Annie – Co Chair – Lucie will stay on for continuity Mei-Lin and Sandya as co-secretary. Philip continues on as Treasurer, Donna Yao – webmaster Marcela – willing to continue as social media coordinator Don't have a volunteer coordinator, will continue to canvas for one Milana will continue as OCASC rep, maybe can wear two hats – Special Education Advisory Committee SEAC rep. Secondary school representative – can work on it if ok. Zone 10 representative – trustees make decisions – is Time commitments – one more meeting that month- and report back to council. Sonya Arias – coming back – and is willing to be member at large – willing to volunteer for initiatives. Move to approve the slate - Philip – move to approve the slate, Minh to second the nomination. Lucie – Thank you – Great to have a core team together.		
7. New / Other business / Question Period Will present slate – with new council – communicating with all people • LSC goals/ plans for school year – will put it to new council executive • Survey monkey survey – to see what the parents would like the school council to be involved in – particular speakers? • Nutrition support for students – Patsy – one of issues/ recommendations – In past school council supported nutrition for students who needed food (security) 15 students – foods class prepared meals/ distributed them. • Students are with us all day- any plan we have moving forward – needs to involve pre-packaged food.	8:25 - 8:35	Discussion

- Whether or not there is a way to get support from school council – granola bars are great. But looking for suggestions/ support of that nature – to make sure they feel full.
Interesting article at Globe and Mail – talked about how – food security is much bigger issue than what people understand. Getting lunch is challenging, eateries have closed – some have increased prices – issue for students. Interesting to explore an initiative with organization i.e., Farm Boy – with store close to school – perhaps we can have some kind of arrangement – can we find some way to create opportunity for students – easy access to lunch?
Is anyone interested in discussing/ exploring it further? Important to see if there is partnership that can be explored.
- Minh – there are some in need of lunches – what are you proposing?
A. Patsy. Ideal would-be providing lunch daily for students that need it.
Snacks, granola bars, fruit – solid meal – one meal per day.
Asks – Funding to help provide food – and support in approaching businesses – unable to pay full price vs pre-packaged.
Given the costs, may only be able to provide lunch once a week for a year. Would have better chance if they have connections to organizations etc.
- Philip – what is the magnitude – is it 10? Is it 100? What is the ask?
Had a discussion with guidance, people's situation has changed during covid. Working with social workers to determine needs.
Some teachers have purchased items – distributed in classrooms – looking for outreach to determine how many students require support.
- Lucie – this a larger issue – that needs more discussion/ exploration- speaks to magnitude – changing circumstances. Whole idea – is to benefit larger student body as well. We have had Christmas drive – broader impact and benefit – something in partnership – maybe a larger issue – may be worth exploring.
- Would it be possible to have a side discussion? Is there a volunteer or two that might be interested in exploring a framework to look at possibilities?
Patricia and Sandya volunteered.
- We could also do it over coffee – worth exploring a bit more. Would love to hear from Milana - are other schools/school councils doing something similar?
Milana will inquire.

Lucie will share article in Globe – CEO from Second harvest Christina Campbell – will join in conversation Fundraising initiatives – super helpful last year – made it possible to support over 30 families – Christmas Initiative – we had fundraising drive – wonderful response from parents. Q. Are kids supposed to get brief 10-minute break in between? A. Patsy Last year there was a break built in. Encouraging staff to build breaks in – classes walking around – if you have a student that doesn't have that opportunity – send an email and let VP know. Lucie – touched on it briefly – we have heard that there has been very unreliable service in the mornings. Some kids are having trouble getting to school on time? Are other parents seeing the same thing? Last year some people thought there was a challenge. Minh – when is mid-term report card coming out - when is parent teacher interview? Parents will receive report card November 23rd – there are 2 dates – Thursday 25th November, and Tuesday 30th November – that information will be sent out by teachers to let you know what days they will set up their interviews. Having two dates gives them a little more flexibility. Philip: Since it appears that Minh is moving on – thank you for your involvement over last 4 years – and taking co-chair position. You provide a lot of value added and keep us on the edge of our seats. Thank you to Minh – for all support to make sure we're on track/ and for keeping everything honest		
8. Reports from OCASC/ SSC/SEAC/ Milana – will have meeting in 2 weeks – will be more substantive	8:35 - 8:37	Milana
9. Adjournment Philip moves to adjourn – Minh will move to second – last time.	8:37- 8:38	Co-Chairs

Next LSC Virtual Meeting Date: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021

Link to School Council website: <https://sites.google.com/view/lisgarcischoolcouncil/home>

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