

Bayridge Secondary School
School Council Meeting Agenda
September 21, 2016

1. Welcome: Principal Highet

Principal Highet shared an overview of the school demographics this year, identified staff and shared her role and daily jobs as principal. She shared the school's goals for student achievement and some information about the EQAO OSSLT and Grade 9 Math Test. Our Math results are very strong in both streams, academic and applied. Our literacy results seem to have flat-lined at 77% successful over the past few years and staff are taking a look at this along with our other sources of data to address student learning needs. Parents can look at our specific school results on the EQAO website.

2. Positions on School Council

Chair: Brad Baker

Vice Chair: Rajan Gill

Secretary: Kerry Fraser & Patti O'Brien will share this role

Parent Reps : Heather Blue, Kelly Carscadden

Community Member (1 or 2) - unfilled

Teacher Rep: Alida French

Support Staff Member - unfilled

Student Reps (1or2): Student Council Co-Chairs Isabelle Burns and Piper Connors

Principal: Heather Highet

3. Student Report: Isabelle Burns reported on a variety of student activities that have taken place already this year. Nick Foley spoke to the entire student body on inclusivity, being kind to one another and actively standing up for what's right. Upcoming we have a ROCK spirit week, Oct. 26 – 29th, Terry Fox Run and pep Rally on the 29th, the first coffee house of the year is Oct. 13th, open to parents and students, the Inside Ride, Oct. 17 – in support of childhood cancer. She noted the student council has an Instagram account that parents are welcome to follow: "bss_studentcouncil"
BSS students will have a float in the Kingston Santa Clause parade.

4. Teacher Report: Alida French spoke of the huge uptake by students (25 teams of 6 students each) for the Inside Ride event. Fall sports are up and running: girls basketball, boys volleyball, football, cross-country running and girls field hockey. Early Reports will go home with students on Oct. 14th and Parents' Night is Oct. 26th, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
Academic Awards for students in grade 10 – 12, based on the last school year, is Oct. 5th.

5. Other Reports / Discussion Items: Parents indicated an interest in programming for students around smart use of social media and etiquette on social media. There was a discussion on the OSSLT and the move by EQAO to have students write it on-line. Some parents indicated an interest in hearing more about these tests.
6. Topics for School Council Presentations: My Blue Print, IEP's and student success. Parents are asked to think of more topics for our meetings.
7. Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

October 19th: My Blueprint presentation

November 30th: Student Success and IEP's (Individual Education Plans)
Presentation

January 18th

March 1st

April 26th

June 7th

The Principal thanks everyone for attending and those who offered to take on a position on the executive.