School Council Meeting March 27 2017
Record of action:

- Members in attendance include:
  - Chair, Jacqueline Knapp
  - Vice Chair, Renata De Rechter
  - Vice Chair, Mary Ethier
  - Secretary Ben Clements
  - Alexandra Smith
  - Tim Knapp
  - Terri Hall
  - Lynette Field
  - Beth Mowe
  - Community Rep, Scott Sills
  - Staff Member, Jessie Donner
  - Student Member, Natalie De Rechter
  - Principal, Paul Wiersma
- 1900 hrs, council meeting commences.
- School Council begins with brief introductions of each member and their roles within the council.
- School Council approves agenda
- There are no conflicts of interest expressed
- Council discusses Record of Action: Council requests that ROA's are distributed to all members for approval prior to being posted on the website.
- Principal Wiersma announces that guest speakers: Jerome de Schiffert and Karen L'Heureaux. Mr. de Schiffert speaks about project "My LKDSB, student voice", a project to increase youth and adult partnership. Followed by a Q&A. Mrs. L'Heureuax speaks about another program, "Creating Pathways to Success". She also explains My Blueprint, an interactive program that allows parents to monitor student career planning and course requests. A PowerPoint will be sent to council members for their review. A Q&A follows presentation.
- Council discusses PRO Grant. The issue of low attendance is brought forward and council brainstorms ideas of how to increase participation in the future. Council decides to apply for another PRO grant for the upcoming school year.

<u>Staff Report</u>

We are six weeks into the second semester, and GLSS staff has been busy. Since our last meeting in January,

1. Extracurricular activities have restarted, and GLSS coaches are looking forward to a busy spring season. (ie. rugby, track and field, baseball, soccer, badminton, etc.)

2. GLSS staff had a very successfully organized Revue weekend and basketball fundraiser. We are now preparing for the school musical, "Grease", to be held in May.
3. GLSS staff also chaperoned the March Break trip to Europe.
4. GLSS staff also had our first Journal Club meeting, where we discussed the purpose and merits of various instructional methods. We have another meeting scheduled for May.
5. For the past few weeks, all GLSS staff across various departments have been focussed on preparing and coaching students for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy test, which occurs this Thursday. This version is written on exclusively on paper, which means that the risk of servers crashing is eliminated.
6. We are getting ready for more professional development at our next PD Day in April, as well as further after school workshops throughout April and May.

- Student Report: to follow.
- Alexandra Smith presents the LKDSB report. PIC committee will host event 10/11 of May 2017 (Chatham and Sarnia), Unplugging from Devices. School Board is looking at cashless schools and is reviewing different ideas to get the idea off the ground.
- Principal Report
    - Pictures of school events were shown.
    - Upcoming events on the calendar were highlighted.
    - Grade 11 English: Beginning 2017-18, all schools in the LKDSB will offer grade 11 English (workplace preparation, college preparation, university preparation) as Native Studies English (English: Contemporary Aboriginal Voices). As a result, every student at Great Lakes will take at least one Native Studies course during their four or five years. The Native Studies English course fulfills the diploma requirements, pre-requisite requirements for grade 12 English, and covers the writing, reading, oral communication, and media strands. Nine percent of Great Lakes students self-identify as First Nations, Metis, or Inuit. Students will have a better understanding of indigenous culture.
    - Literacy Update – 240 students will be writing the literacy test on March 30. The literacy test is based on reading and writing skills up to and including grade nine. The literacy requirement (test of course) is a requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
    - History and Memorabilia Committee – The committee consists of twenty members representing the traditions of SCITS, St. Clair, and Sarnia Central Collegiate. The committee has been very active and has

been identifying, cataloging, and photographing the historical artifacts at the St. Clair site. The committee will be hosting a community evening to allow members of the community to view the artifacts and ask for items that are not being kept for the renovated building.
    - Murphy Road Site Update – High level architectural drawings were shown of the proposed renovations. Items identified as priorities during the accommodation review have been included in the proposed drawings. School Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and offer input.
- Open Forum: council discusses school colors and logos. Cross-borders field trips. The new LKDSB website will be launched Wednesday. Council discusses student death protocol, to inform students etc. Council discusses, tragic event response, and suicide intervention document.
- Meeting adjourned, next council meeting, May 29, 2017 at 7pm in room 106.