Great Lakes School Council Annual Report 2016/2017

Members

The school council at Great Lakes Secondary School was well attended throughout the year. Positions were held by the following:

Principal – Paul Wiersma

Chair – Jacqueline Knapp

Vice Chair – Renata De Rechter and Mary Ethier

Secretary – Ben Clements

Staff Representative – Jessie Donner

Student Representatives - Liberty Clements and Nathalie De Rechter

PIC Representative – Alexandra Smith

Community Representative – Scott Sills

LKDSB Student Trustee – Keaton Jennings

Parent Members – Nicole Chateauneuf, Lynette Field, Terri Hall, Leisha Jennings, Tyson Jennings, Tim Knapp, Julie Lester, Beth Mowe, Fred Trott

Meeting Dates

The School Council met six times over the course of the school year on the following dates:

September 20, 2016

October 19, 2016

November 28, 2016

January 16, 2017

March 27, 2017

May 29, 2017

Discussions and Topics

During each meeting, we were provided with reports from our staff representative, student representatives, PIC representative and the principal provided information about current activities and events going on in and around the school. The school calendar of events was reviewed and discussed.

Specific topics brought up for discussion throughout the course of the year included the LKDSB Parent Involvement Council (PIC), the LKDSB Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), School Social Media and Website, School Enrollment and Projections, Identity Committee, School Activities Committee, Awards/Scholarships/Commencement Committee, History and Memorabilia Committee, Grade Nine Parents' Night, School Pool, School Parking, Student Attendance and Discipline, Literacy Test, EQAO Historical Scores, Time Capsule, School Letter, Grade 11 Native Focussed English, EQAO Math, Murphy Road Site Updates, PRO Grant event, Graduation Rates, Student Voice – MyLKDSB, Student Pathways, and a Curricular and Extra-Curricular Program Report.

Guest speakers over the school year included Vice-Principal Caroline White, Constable Jim McCabe, Guidance Counsellors Mr. Jerome de Schiffert and Mrs. Karen L'Heureux.

School Council Activities

PIC Event with Ellie Fraser was held at Sarnia Education Board and attended by members of the School Council.

PRO Grant was used to bring speaker Wes Harding to speak to the students and parents on "Finding Your Passion, Living the Dream".

Awards Night: School Council was represented and gave greetings and congratulations to award recipients.

PRO Grant: The school council applied for a PRO grant for the 2017/ 2018 school year.

Graduation: Greetings and acknowledgments from the School Council were presented at the grade 12 graduation ceremony.