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Governing Board Minutes – October 2nd, 2023
6:45 p.m. in the Library (In person meeting)

PRESENT:

Administration: Joseph Vitantonio, Assunta Caruso, Grace Fanelli, Cristina Di Sorbo

Parents: Sandra Greco (Chairperson), Tina Rubino (secretary), Daniela Marino, Patricia Suriano, Jocelyne Cacciatore, Jack Algieri, Annelisa Rende, Sabrina Ficca

Parent Alternates: Giovanni Ficara, Dario Falso

Teachers: Paul Karpontinis, Gabriel Latino, Catherine Clarabut, Antoinette Licursi, Sara Di Maulo, Angela Antonacci

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine, Casey Gagné,

Guests: Sabrina Magliocco (teacher)

Students: Liana Gioia, Lina Wallace

ABSENT: N/A

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Vitantonio welcomes everyone in person at the start of the meeting at 6:45 pm.
- Round table introduction.
- All in favor to have the meeting recorded to assist in the minutes taking.
- Liana Gioia and Lina Wallace read the Land Acknowledgment.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

a) Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion was moved to adopt the agenda by Sabrina Ficca, seconded by Annelisa Renda All in favor.

b) Adoption of the governing board minutes of June 12, 2023

- Motion was moved to adopt the minutes by Sandra Greco, seconded by Annelisa Renda. All in favor.

3. New Business:

a) Nominations for Chairperson, Treasurer & Secretary (Approval Required)

- i. Chairperson: Daniela Marino nominated Sandra Greco to be chairperson. Seconded by Sabrina Ficca. All in Favor.
- ii. Vice- chairperson: Sandra Greco nominated Sabrina Ficca as Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favor.
- iii. Treasurer Sandra Greco nominated Daniela Marino as Treasurer. Seconded by Annelisa Renda. All in favor.
- iv. Secretary: Annelisa nominated Sabrina Ficca. Sabrina Ficca respectfully declined the nomination. Mr. Vitantonio proposed that the minutes be taking on a rotation basis. All in Favor.

b) Email vote (Approval Required)

A motion was put forward to allow GB to vote electronically by email on pressings items that cannot wait for the next meeting. The motion was moved by Catherine Clarabut and seconded by Annelisa Rende. All in favor.

c) Hybrid meeting model (Approval Required)

A motion was put forward to continue with an online and in person meeting model. See action item 3.d for dates proposed. The motion was moved by Casey Gagne and seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favor.

d) Suggested meeting dates (Approval Required)

Suggested meeting days for approval

Monday November 20, 2023 (virtual)
Monday December 18, 2023 (in-person social)
Monday January 22, 2024 (if necessary, will be virtual)
Monday February 19, 2024 (virtual)
Monday March 18, 2024 (if necessary, will be virtual)
Monday April 22, 2024 (virtual)
Tuesday May 21, 2024 (in-person)
Monday June 10, 2024 (in-person)

A motion to approve the suggested meeting dates was moved by Annelisa Rende and seconded by Jocelyne Cacciatore. All in favor.

e) International Trip Proposal (Approval Required)

- Mr. Vitantonio explained that last year the England trip proposal was presented late in December, which allowed parents only a short window for payments before the trip in April.
- The tender for this year's trip was done in May but there was not enough time to present it to the old governing board for approval last year.
- Angela Antonacci presented this year's international trip proposal for approval.

- Trip destination: Grecian Odyssey
- Date: March 28 to April 5 (tentative depending on flight availability)
- Students who can participate: Secondary 3, 4, and 5
- Number of students we want to take on trip is from 25 to 30.
- Price projection: \$4130 with 25 to 30 participants
- Price inclusion:
 - Flights and hotels (4 stars or better), breakfast and dinner (lunch is student expense), tips for guided tours (6) bus driver and on-site tour director, travel insurance, CFAR insurance and inscription for EF (we must take the travel insurance offered by tour company under the school board guidelines)
 - For every 9 traveler we have a free chaperon. Administration does not fall in this category, so the admin will travel with us in case of an emergency should arise such as having to return home with a student or stay behind because 1 student falls ill as an additional chaperone.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: we leave Montreal and fly to Athens
 - On day 2: we settle in Athens and see some of the sites
 - On Day 3: We tour the city of Athens and visit some of the local attractions like the Olympic stadium the acropolis and Parthenon, the acropolis museum
 - On Day 4: visit Athens or an excursion
 - On Day 5: we travel to Corinth and Argolida
 - On Day 6: we travel to Epidaurus and Olympia
 - On Day 7: we travel from Olympia and Delphi
 - On Day 8: we travel from Delphi to Athens (last night in Athens we enjoy an authentic Greek meal with music and dance – learn the dance of Zorba)
 - On Day 9: we depart from Athens to Montreal

Full coverage insurance (approx. value of \$300) is included in the price of the trip. This full coverage insurance is mandatory by the school board to alleviate any risks from uncertainty and unforeseen circumstances. A legal waiver will also need to be signed by anyone that registers for the trip.

It was also mentioned and to be noted, that students who have had any bad behavior issues at school will not be able to assist on this trip.

It was also recommended that an additional supervisor being the administrator, who is not part of the chaperons, to be funded by Fund 3. This is something that was also done last year and ensures that the student: adult ratio is respected in the case of an emergency, whereby an adult needs to stay back for a student who may be ill or injured.

A motion was put forward to approve the trip proposal as presented by Angela Antonacci. The motion was moved by Sara Di Maulo and seconded by Charles Préfontaine. All in Favor.

A second motion was put forward to accept that all costs for the expenses of one additional supervisor (be it an administrator) to assist the trip and to be funded by fund 3. The motion was moved by Casey Gagné and seconded by Jack Algieri. All in favor.

f) Sex Ed. Plan for 2023-2024 (Approval Required)

- Paul Karpontinis explained that the sex ed program begins in October and that the as taught today, different departments take on the responsibility to teach different lessons of the content as an add on in their classes.
- Under the new Quebec program, in the future, almost all the sex ed course will be taught in the new Quebec cultures course, mostly in science and ERC replacement.
- For this year that new course is not a required subject so the program will continue as in the past.
- Some of the sex ed lessons covered include:
 - Gender diversity
 - Feelings of Love
 - Puberty
 - Dating
 - Sexual violence
 - Contraception
 - Sexual behavior
 - Decision making
- Motion to approve the sex education plan was moved by Sabrina Ficca and seconded by Patricia Suriano. All in favor.

g) Terry Fox fundraising plan for 2023-2024 (Approval Required)

Angela Antonacci presented this year's Terry Fox fundraising plan, for approval.

This year's walk-a-thon will be held on Friday, April 26 (tentative date and schedule of level breakdown to be determined). Prior to our walk-a-thon the Terry Fox committee has planned many activities to get the students involved in this humanitarian venture. Below is a list of Terry Fox Fundraising Activities. The dates provided are tentative.

The walk-a-thon: will take place April 26 the students will report to school as usual. Throughout the first 3 periods of the day, levels will be called to the track where students will walk the track for 20mins followed by a treat. By lunch time, the activity will have been terminated, allowing teachers to continue their teaching for the day.

An alternate suggestion to the Terry Fox Walk-a-thon, is to host our very first LBPHS community color run. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and engage in school spirit. (date and time to be determined). A registration fee of 20\$ per student will be applied to register for the event. The proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Pledge Sheets: Through the monthly newsletter in the month of April, and through the social studies classes, students and their families will be provided with information pertaining to online pledges found on the Terry Fox Foundation website.

Sale of Terry Fox T-shirts: All year long, students may purchase a Terry Fox T-shirt (approximately 20.00\$ each) through the Council Co-op.

Non-Uniform Day: On January 15th and on March 25th (tentative upon approval), students and staff members will be encouraged not to wear the school uniform for a fee of 2.00\$.

Bake Sales: There will be approximately 5 bake sales scheduled during the year to help raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Please encourage our students to bake goods and to help the cause by buying baked goods during lunch on that day. Staff members will also be encouraged to participate in baking, supervising, and purchasing the baked goods.

Fundraising selling of St. Viator bagels: In conjunction with St. Viator bagels, the Terry Fox Committee would like to offer parents and the community an opportunity to purchase 6 bagels at a cost of 7\$ a bag. Parents will be offered a choice of sesame seed or plain bagels. Through a google form, parents place their orders and once the orders are complete, the school will distribute the bagels to the student or parent after school in November. If the sale is a success, the committee may offer another sale in the spring of 2024. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

A motion to approve this year's Terry Fox plan was moved Jack Algieri and seconded by Gabriel Latino. All in favor

4. Reports

4.1. Principal

4.1.1. Student Council Slate of Projects/Activities (Approval Required)

- a) Mr. Paul Karpontinis presented yearly plan (Please see the detailed plan at the end of these minutes)
- b) A motion to approve this year's student council plan was moved by Casey Gagné and seconded by Annelisa Rende. All in favor.

4.1.2. Representation Fees from Fund 3 (Approval Required):

- a) Request to allow 2\$ per students for representation fees for hosting guests in the school.
- b) Current population 930 students
- c) \$1860.00 total
- d) A motion to approve the representation fees from fund 3 was moved by Jocelyne Cacciatore and seconded by Gabriel Latino. All in favor.

4.1.3. Educational Day Trips (Approval Required):

- a) Request permission from the GB to allow day trips to be approved by the principal for the school year, presented by teachers with an educational purpose to them.
- b) These take place during the regular school day.
- c) They would be brought to GB as information items only.
- d) A motion to approve educational day trips was moved by Catherine Clarabut and seconded by Casey Gagné. All in favor

4.1.4. Mini-day Schedule (Approval Required):

- a) Upcoming days we'd like to have the mini-day schedule:
 - October 12- Open House
 - November 23 – PT Night #1
 - February 29– PT Night # 2
- b) A motion to approve the mini-day schedule was moved by Jack Algieri and seconded by Antoinette Licursi. All in favor.

4.1.5. Educational & Career Fair (Approval Required):

- a) The annual Career Fair taking place on October 26 for our Sec. 5 students at Pius X.
- b) Students will be bussed there and back. Leaving at 8:50 a.m. and returning for about 11:15 a.m.
- c) A motion to approve the career fair was moved by Antoinette Licursi and seconded by Patricia Suriano. All in favor.

4.1.6. Open House (Approvals & Information):

- a) Our Open house is taking place October 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- b) We had visited our 5 feeder schools and 8 other schools in the neighboring areas to promote our school.
- c) Placement exams taking place on October 21, 2023.
- d) Request to help pay for the Open House from Fund 3-. I am requesting \$6000 this year like last year unless a parent is willing to increase the amount. I recommend \$7000 for this, and the balance will be covered by other funds.
- e) Costs include printing of advertising flyers, ordering of folders, printing of material for the evening, and the small gifts we give potential students that evening.
- f) A motion to approve the amount of \$7000 to be covered by Fund 3 was moved by Gabriel Latino and seconded by Tina Rubino. All in favor.

4.1.7. Take Our Kids to Work Day (Approval Item):

- a) Takes place November 1, 2023.
- b) Secondary 3 students invited to go to work with their parents (even if they work from home) for the day to learn about their career.
- c) Permission slips will be sent home to all sec. 3 students.
- d) A motion to approve the disruption of classes for them was moved by Annelisa Rende and seconded by Antoinette Licursi. All in favor.

4.1.8. Little Italy Walking Tour (Approval Item):

- a) Ms. Anania will be taking her Italian class to little Italy for the day on October 17, 2023.
- b) They will have a guided tour and have lunch in little Italy.
- c) The trip will be covered by the school through the cultural outings fund we receive.
- d) A motion to approve the little Italy tour was moved by Jack Algieri and seconded by Tina Rubino. All in favor.

4.1.9. Herzl Teenage Health Unit Presentations (Information Item):

- a) The Herzl Teenage Health Unit sends a staff doctor and a resident to give a presentation discussing sexual health, contraception, drugs, and mental health.
- b) Students can submit anonymous questions about any topic through a google form link.
- c) They will be at LBP on November 9 from 8am to 11:30 am.

4.1.10. Budget (Information Item):

- a) Budgets are supposed to be approved at the next council meeting.
- b) More details to follow.

4.1.11. Meeting Dates:

- a) See above item d) Suggested meeting dates in section 3) **New Business** for approval.

4.2. Commissioner

- She sends her regrets.

4.3. Chair/Regional Delegate

- Nothing new to report

4.4. Secretary/Treasurer

- A motion to donate the \$250 fund received for governing board as 2 x \$125 bursaries for secondary 5 students was moved by Jocelyne Cacciatore and seconded by Gabriel Latino. All in favor

4.5. Student Council

- a) Liana Gioia and Lina Wallace presented the below student council plan.

Car Wash

- Student Council hosted a car wash in St Leonard during July to raise money for La Foundation Bon Depart and student activities.

Student Council Leadership Camp

- Two days in August composed of leadership training, exercises and activities meant for team bonding and getting to know each other.
- First day was spent working on games for orientation day in September, as well as outdoor leisure activities (boating, swimming, and sports)

- On the second day, Dynamix came and led a series of exercises to strengthen our team bonding and communication.

Orientation Day

- A successful start of the school year by welcoming the new secondary 1 student, which included a tour of the school and many icebreakers.
- After receiving their schedules and locks, the grade 7s were given an in-depth tour of the school by Student Council members.
- Then, the same council members led a series of entertaining games and were given the opportunity to engage in icebreakers with the group.

Beginning of the Year Prep

- LBP staff and administration organized a welcome back to school mini carnival.
- Student council executive and general meetings were held in order to discuss our year of action, our thoughts and ideas, and sign-ups for committees.

Open House Prep

- Student Council members visited elementary schools with members of the administration to promote Lester B Pearson and its upcoming open house on October 12th to grade 5s and 6s.

Student Coop

- Since the beginning of the school year, we have made around \$1800 in revenue from selling food items and LBP spiritwear.
- Also in the co-op, we sell breakfast food items sponsored by the Breakfast Club of Canada for a base cost of \$0.50, and on Fridays everything is given out for free.
- On Wednesdays, students are served waffles and pancakes for free in the plaza, made by student council members.

Birthday Celebrations

- Once a month, we celebrate the birthdays of council members by decorating the council room and treating them to sweet treats.
- The baking committee baked cupcakes for the occasion. They were so yummy.

Orange shirt day

- On orange shirt day, students were encouraged to wear orange shirts in order to spread awareness and commemorate the indigenous kids that lost their lives in residential schools.
- All students observed a moment of silence.

ECA Fair:

- Student council members organized an ECA fair at lunch to promote the clubs our school has to offer, as well as to encourage students to participate in these extra curricular activities.
- The clubs presented are the following;

Terry Fox
Floor Hockey
Movie Club
Mental Wellness Club
Thrift Club
Gender Sexuality Alliance
Terry Fox Committee
Guitar Club
RSEQ / GMAA Sports

- Swim Team
- Soccer Indoor and Outdoor
- Track and Field Indoor and Outdoor

SPVM Running Club
Scrabble Club
Young Writers Club
Psychology Club
Art Club
International Trip
NYC
Knitting and Crochet Club
Music Appreciation Club
Battle of Books
Book Club
Diamond Dots
Allongee Movie Club
Random Acts of Kindness

Haunted House

- Student council members are brainstorming ideas for the theme of this year's haunted house and have started meeting to plan.

Sports

- The juvenile boys soccer team had a match against VMC last week, which they participated in and dedicated themselves fully.
- The cadet girls soccer team also played afterwards against the VMC team and won.

Family Fair

- Last Thursday, admin put together a memorable night for students and their families.
- The fair included; Bar a Gauffre, Tommy Cafe, popcorn, Pierino Gelatos, and Mr Pretzels. There was also a live DJ, a 360-photo booth, and inflatables.

All the activities and events organized for the students such as dress down, the ECA fair and breakfast club are run through several student council committees with various captains and such.

4.6. Teachers

- Paul Karpontinis mentioned that for him, this year it has been a little easier managing the kids with their cell phones. It may be a result to what the minister said about schools having to take steps to ban cellphones in all classrooms by the end of 2023. More discussions will need to follow about the use of cell phones with the governing board.
- Paul Karpontinis mentioned also that so far it has been a really good start to the school year.

4.7. Sport études Program

- Casey Gagné enforced that it has been a positive start to the school year. Moreover, he acknowledged that the student council has been doing a very good and active job at visiting elementary schools to promote the school. The general feel is that there are many positive things being said right now about Pearson.

4.8. Guidance Initiatives

- Nothing new to report

5. Varia

- With regards to the dress code, it was asked if LBP would consider allowing kids to wear bermuda shorts to school. Joseph Vitantonio explained that unlike many other high schools, LBP has air conditioning in their classrooms. However, he mentioned that he is open to having a conversation about it but also noted that this can open the door to wearing skorts which was removed from the allowed dress code in the past since it was difficult to manage.

6. Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be virtual online and will take place on Monday November 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- It was agreed that a secretary would be selected at each meeting for the next meeting. Jocelyne Cacciatore volunteered to be secretary for the next meeting in November. The subsequent person to be secretary for the meeting in December will be determined at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Casey Gagné and seconded by Gabriel Latino. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.



Principal



Chairperson

Appendix I: Student Council Plan for 2023-2024

1. Secondary 1 Orientation

- i. August 31st 8:45-1pm.
- ii. We will organize a welcome Lunch and orientation for the secondary 1 students that runs concurrently with our normal registration procedures. We would like to build upon our success and continue to offer a secondary one orientation followed by a lunch.
- iii. The day involves touring of our facilities, student led ice breaking activities, live music and pizza lunch.

2. Breakfast Clubs

- i. Daily Breakfast offered every morning for a flat rate of 50 cents. 7:35-8:10.
- ii. Free Mondays
- iii. Free "Waffle Wednesdays"

3. School Beautification

- i. Murals, Positive Decals, planter boxes, little library etc..

4. Morning Announcements

- i. A rotation of Student Council members will read the daily bulletin every morning during the designated "Homeroom period" at 8:15-8:20am. (Student Council members have been doing this 2019-Present, there is a designated student and an alternate student each cycle day).

5. Secondary 5 "Senior Sunset"

- i. September 18, evening event to encourage secondary 5s early on in the year, dessert truck and students invited to hangout and take a sunset picture on the track.

6. Secondary 5 Fright Night

- i. Oct 28th, graduating students will be invited to reserve "free" places for an evening fright at laronde.

7. LBPHS Social Justice

- i. We raise awareness and funds to combat social issues such as the exploitation of children or access to education in underprivileged countries, our indigenous community, the LGBTQ+ community and local organizations.
- ii. Via Social Justice, Student Council has begun a "period poverty" campaign, we will be continuing a free menstrual health product distribution in the main girl's washroom and universal bathroom.
- iii. Chocolate Bar Sales for Social Justice, bars will be sold by Student Council members to their friends and families during their personal time and off school premises.

8. Live Different Presentation "Own your story"

- i. In-person presentations speakers on September 29th periods 1-4.
- ii. Student Council will choose one of the following topics: Resilience, Empathy, Authenticity, Growth, Values or Altruism.
- iii. \$1500 have been committed (Need to GB Request in September or Parascolaire)

9. Guest Speaking Series

- i. Hosting guest speakers for optional assemblies (All teachers invited to sign up for each assembly on a first-come first-served basis.) Would like to pay honorarium to guest speakers of 250\$ per presentation.
- ii. Topics ranging from Body Image, Overcoming Adversity etc...
- iii. **October 11** – 4 alumni first responders will discuss their career path in optional assembly.
- iv. **November/December** - Body Image and Self-Esteem
- v. **January/February** – Overcoming adversity

- 10. Hoodies and Tees (Graduation Hoodies and School Spirit Wear)**
- i. As we have done in the past, Student Council would like to commence sales in the first half of the year, similar design and comparable price and quality as previous year.
 - ii. Twice a month all students and staff are encouraged to wear any school branded clothing. (Sept 8 & 21, Oct 12 & 27, Nov 10 & 23, Dec 8 & 15, Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, Mar 14 & 28, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24 & June 7.) iii. Grads permitted to wear Graduation Apparel, November orders for December/January Delivery.
- 11. Annual ECA fair**
- i. September 29^h.
 - ii. The purpose of this fair is to encourage new and returning students to participate in ECAs and to promote the wonderful ECAs our school has to offer.
 - iii. The Fair Posters will be saved and displayed again for Open House.
- 12. Leadership Development and Training**
- i. Annual Student Council Retreat
 1. August 21 stand 22nd 2023 (36 Students and 1-2 teachers)
 2. August 2024 TBD
 - ii. Group Outings
 1. Teambuilding outings, 3x over the course of the year.
 2. Would like to investigate the possibility of an overnight at LBP for one of the bonding activities.
 - iii. EMSB Leadership Camp
 1. April 24-26th 2024 with the organizers leaving on 1 day earlier (Approximately 20 Students 1 Teacher)
- 13. Student Co-op**
- i. Sales from vending machine and daily sales from the plaza booth to benefit student life projects and to perpetuate our entrepreneurial project.
 - ii. Vending Machine, Air Hockey, Foosball, Rod Hockey Machines
 - iii. Frozen Fridays, using fruit press to create healthy frozen snack.
- 14. Fundraising and Charities** (We will use the following initiatives to raise much-needed funds for our charitable initiatives as well as to fund our own activities and special projects)
- i. Sales of SPC cards in September 2023
 - ii. Movember
 1. Sales of moustache buttons, face painting and fake moustaches to raise awareness for prostate cancer and money for charity.
 - iii. Poppy Sales for the Royal Canadian Legion
 1. First week of November
 - iv. Vow of Silence November 20th (Social Justice and Fundraiser)
 1. Our annual awareness-raising campaign on national children's day that engages tens of thousands of participants to stand up for children whose rights are not being upheld. Members would be asked to refrain from talking and texting for one full day. Students who choose to participate would have a choice to take the half-day vow or the full day vow.
 2. As special incentive to maintain their vows, students would like to ask their friends and family to "buy their silence" by sponsoring them on a pledge form.
 - v. Frozen Fundraisers
 1. 2 per year, sales of frozen yogurt or ice cream products to benefit student life activities.
 - vi. Change Drive

1. Collection of coins to fundraise for international relief, Student Council will select a global charity.
- vii. Lollipop / Mr. Freeze / Popsicle Sales (Starting September, via coop)
 1. Funds to benefit student life activities or periodically, to raise money for specific charitable causes.
 2. No more than once a month.
- viii. Bagging / Car Washes
 1. We fundraise for one or two days at a local grocery store or Canadian Tire, funds split by Social Justice Committee and Student Life at LBPHS.
- ix. We Scare Hunger food drive
 1. Food drive beginning at the end of September and ending November 1st.
 2. Walkathon October 4th.
- x. Christmas food drive
 1. Food-drive beginning mid-November and ending December 8th.
- xi. Roses / Crushes / Candy Grams for Valentine's Day with profits donated to a global charity designated by our social justice committee.
- xii. Modified Uniform Days
 1. Orange Shirt Day – with any appropriate bottoms or full uniform September 29th.
 2. October 6th – **Traditional Non-Uniform Day** (Recommended to wear jerseys but this is a traditional non-uniform day) – Suggested contribution 2\$ (Funds would be used to benefit Social Justice Campaign)
 3. October 31st – **Halloween Costume Day** – Student Council would sponsor a costume day at no expense to the student body. (Voluntary donation of 1 food item)
 4. November 2nd – **Traditional Non-Uniform Day** – Suggested contribution 2\$ (Funds would be used to support Student Life activities at LBP and our leadership program.)
 5. November 30th – **PJ Day to Benefit Christmas Charities** Suggested contribution 2\$
 6. December 18-22nd – **Modified Uniform week for Christmas** at no expense to the student body. Eg Ugly Socks, Accessory, Ugly Sweater, Wacky Hat. Non-Uniform Day for food drive winning grade
 7. February 14th - Add a red Accessory to Uniform, at no expense to the student body.
 8. February 21st is **pink shirt day** with any appropriate bottoms or full uniform.
 9. March 14th - Add a green Accessory to Uniform, at no expense to the student body.
 10. May 9th – **Denim Day** – Students would be allowed to wear jeans with Any Appropriate Top for a suggested contribution of 2\$ (All proceeds would benefit the Cure Foundation)
 11. May 16th - Purple Shirt with any appropriate bottoms or full uniform.

15. Participation on Committees

- i. EMSAC, Governing Board & Youth Forums

16. Halloween Activities

- i. Haunted House and Lunch Hour Activities

17. Dances

- i. October 6th (Homecoming) and May 10th
- ii. Surplus concessions to be sold off during the following week.

18. Coffee Houses

- i. November 2nd and February 23rd.
- ii. Open mic night of poetry & prose.
- iii. Sales of concessions

- 19. Representing our school as ambassadors**
 - i. Elementary School visits, Orientation Night, Open House, Report Card Nights & Regional Ped Days.
 - ii. We would like to meet with the various levels a few times in the year. It would be in our best interest to do this during school hours due to participation reasons. The purpose is in order to represent the student body, we need to hear their concerns and or opinions on how to improve student life.
- 20. Christmas Activities**
 - i. Week-long activities to celebrate the holidays. December 18-22nd.
- 21. Valentine's Day Activities**
 - i. Lunch hour Activities, Distribution of flowers & Encourage students to wear a red accessory on the 14th.
 - ii. February 13 & 14.
 - iii. Schoolwide Matchmaker February 6th with results being emailed to students on Feb 14.
- 22. Staff Appreciation Gift**
 - i. Student Council would like to choose gifts with administrative approval, to be distributed in February.
 - ii. Budget of 10\$ + tax per staff member.
- 23. Lunch time activities**
 - i. Weekly Activities every Wednesday.
- 24. Year-Long Anti-Bullying campaign**
 - i. We would like to draw attention to important issues such as cyber-bullying, in-school bullying and homophobia through educational campaigns, posters, a pink shirt day and sales of rainbow wristbands.
 - ii. Secondary 1 transition to High School Program
 - iii. Secondary 4 Anti-Bullying initiative iv. We would like to investigate offering mentorship programs for students in secondary 5, inviting recent grads to talk to students about the transition to college.
 - v. Annual Empathy Date TBD
- 25. Green Committee**
 - i. Student council would like to continue encouraging eco-responsibility in the school and monitor plaza recycling.
 - ii. Plaza Recycling (Paper, Plastic, Deposit Can), Collection of batteries, Collection of Ink Toner Masks & Collection of markers.
 - iii. Seedling Committee will grow plants in the late winter and sell off the mature plants in the late spring.
- 26. Secondary 5 Celebration Event**
 - i. End of year (When Admin deems appropriate.)
 - ii. The purpose is to end the year on a positive note with the secondary 5's
 - iii. "2024" Grad Photo to be taken, Brunch, Music, Memory activity. iv. Possible "Senior Sunrise"
- 27. Student Council Scholarships**
 - i. Student Council will fund 3x graduating scholarships from our project.
 - ii. Greatest participation in student life activities by a non-student council student as voted on by Student Council, Most improved students as voted on by teachers, Student Council MVP as voted on by Student Council.
- 28. Used Book Sale**
 - i. World Book Day is a day set aside by UNESCO to celebrate copyright, publishing, and reading. Tuesday April 23rd 2024.
 - ii. We will collect used book donations and have a bookfair to benefit a literacy charity.

29. Multicultural Festival

- i. Students can bring in specialties like special toys, books, music, cultural foods and desserts in the plaza to promote diversity. Date TBD.

30. LGBTQ Pride Carnival

- i. Student Council will be celebrating inclusivity with a lunch carnival. Come enjoy a free cotton candy, slush, face painting and learn some interesting facts. All Students will be invited to wear a purple shirt free of charge in support of Pride.