**Parent Council Meeting #1 – September 19th**

1. **Welcome - 6PM**
2. **Introductions**: sign in and put email address for contact purposes
3. **Nominations and Elections**:

* **School Council Chair:**Christine Calder
* **Vice-Chair:**Vacant
* **Secretary:** Vacant

1. **Principal’s Report**

* School Enrolment 915 FTE (we are still accepting students).
* EQAO Grade 9 Math – January and June
* Grade 10 OSSLT – two opportunities to pass this graduation requirement – 1 in the fall and the other in the spring
* New Curriculum and Graduation Requirements for Grade 9 students
  + Grade 9 or 10 students need a technological credit and 1 credit
  + 1 credit from the STEM-related course group (business, computer studies, coop, mathematics, science or tech)
  + A new destreamed Grade 9 Exploring Canadian Geography
  + New Grade 9 and 10 Business Studies Courses
  + New and Revised Grade 9 and 10 Technological Courses
  + New Mandatory Learning on Mental Health Literacy in the Grade 10 Career Studies Course
  + Parent Teacher Interviews October 9th from 4 – 7 p.m.
* School Sports are in full swing (Golf, Boys Junior and Senior Basketball, Girls Senior Basketball, Tennis and Cross Country)
* Grade 9 Wacky Olympics - September 19th
* School Newspaper has put out their first edition – on Edsby
* Camp Celtic Leadership Trip (September 27th – 30th)
* National Truth and Reconciliation Week September 23rd – 27th
* Every Child Matters – Orange Shirt Day – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – September 30th
* MAPS Class to Gleaners every Wednesday
* Professional Activity Day – September 20th – Ministry Focus on Student Engagement & Well Being and Educator Mental Health & Resilience
* Evening of Excellence is November 13th
* Graduation Date is June 25th
* Exam Dates are January 24th – Jan 30th and June 20th – June 26th

1. **Staff Report (Ms. Gabert)**
   * Settling in well
   * LDSS is a busy building
   * Gr. 9's seem to be very happy and forming new friendships
   * A lot of new staff
   * Edsby helps parents understand what is happening at the school

1. **Student Council Report**

* Wacky Olympics today; received a lot of good feedback, everyone embraced school spirit
* Grade Reps for Student Council are taking place next week
* Welcome Back Assembly to help boost student morale
* Spirit Week and Halloween Activities are being planned

1. **New Business:**
   * New Cellphone Policy – Mr. Gray (VP) shared new policy is going well
   * Questions about Edsby and Intermural Sports

1. **Next meeting date:**

* Nov. 21st @ 6pm in the library.

1. **Adjournment:  6:45pm**