



London South Collegiate Institute

School Council Minutes

October 1, 2026
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

School Goal: Building a school culture of responsive teaching and assessment, grounded in strong relationships and empowering every student to demonstrate responsibility and take initiative in their learning journey.

Numeracy Focus: Enhancing students' numerical reasoning by fostering their ability to interpret numbers in real-world contexts and apply them effectively through mathematical equations

Literacy Focus: Addressing literacy learning gaps among junior students through the strategic integration of cross-curricular literacy resources and targeted interventions.

1) Welcome and Introductions

- In attendance: Richard Tamminga (Principal), Brianne Horner (Staff Rep.), Summer D., Tammy W., Nashila A., John S., Andrew M., Mike K.,
- Welcome: Introduction of members, RT welcomed all members to introduce themselves and relay their ties to South. RT provided an explanation of how the council will work and how meetings will run going forward.

2) Principal's Report

a. Safe Bike Lock-up

- RT thanked Andrew for being the driving force behind the realisation of the bike lock-up at the front of the school.

b. Enrollment / Staffing

- 735 students enrollment at the beginning of the year, dropped to 721 currently. Second semester usually sees a further drop (estimated to be around 700). RT says that 700 is a good number to accommodate in the building.
 - South lost about 6 staff this year because of lower enrollment, and also to correct a history of secondary overstaffing in the board.

c. PD Focus for 2026-27

- Literacy - Identifying gaps for grade 9 students, working towards strengthening and refining their literacy skills to prepare them for future success in the literacy test and in their secondary school career. Next PD, Monday October 26th.

d. Financial Literacy Test

- New ministry requirement - work has been outsourced to TVO for the development of the curriculum and test. Test will be given to grade 10 students as part of the grade 10 careers class. So far the vast majority of students who have written the test have been successful. Students who are unsuccessful are able to a one more attempt this year (IEP students will be accommodated). There are a lot of literacy skills required to complete the test, this could cause challenges for the successful completion of the test for students who struggle with their literacy skills.



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3) Council Leadership Structure for 2026-27

a. Explanation of Council's Purpose

- The school council is representation of the student body and their families; to give a voice to all South families. The amount and extent of work/activities that the council decides accomplishes is based on what the council chooses to do. Funds are available through the board, but have to be about supporting parents to support their kids. RT is here to support.

b. Explanation of leadership roles

- The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, are the typical leadership roles on a school council.

c. If elections are needed.....

- The school families will have to be notified and elections would have to take place.
 - No elections will be needed for the council this year. Parents have volunteered for the following rolls without contest -
 - Chair - Summer Dunham, Vice Chair - Andrew M., Secretary - Tammy W.

4) Future meetings (Dates / Structure / Format / Goals)

- AM voiced that a 6:00pm meeting time would be preferred. All members in attendance agreed.
- 4 meetings throughout the year are required.
 - Next meeting has been scheduled for - Thursday October 29th, 6:00pm

5) Staff, Student & Community Representatives Updates

- RT told the council of the activities held in recognition of The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and thanked BH for the efforts of her developmental education class with their Cookies 4 a Cause event that provided an opportunity for discussion about the importance of the day and as a way to build community within the school.
- No current report from the staff. BH will come to the next meeting with a report of school happenings.

6) Question Period

- SD - Does the \$750 for elementary teachers provided by the ministry affect secondary schools? Does it affect the actual budget of the schools?
 - RT provided a brief explanation - The money is only for elementary educators, and it does have a bearing on the amount of budget a school received this year.
 - RT shared the 2026-2027 South budget with the council. He provided a brief description of how the school budget is calculated, how funds are allocated (to departments, for which purpose), and how supplies/repairs/needs are purchased.
- All spending is tracked by Superintendent throughout the year.



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7) AOB

- Andrew - Has taken on the role of the President of the South Alumni Association. He hope to pull from the alumni community to benefit South through their wealth of knowledge, connections, and financial support.
- Council will have to submit a year end report of what the council has done through the year.
- Council will also submit a Principal review to reflect on what the council believes the South community can benefit from in an administrator.

Meeting ajourned @8:00pm