

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

School Council Minutes

Sept 15 2014

Welcome

- School Council- Act as advisory committee (parents/teachers) to aid in student success, to support students in a nutshell.
- Introductions around the table

Student Report

- Dan (president of the student council)
- 18 members currently 20 in a few weeks
- We held a "Formal Friday" on Sept. 12
- Grade 9 activities took place on the first day of school as well as upcoming Thursday.
- Haunted house, Halloween dance- Oct
- PJ pancakes day in early December
- Semi-formal- Feb 2015
- Charity events- Nov (moustache) cancer
April- cancer week
Donations go to Canadian Cancer Society
- Question- Can we find out about the events?
- Answer: Twitter/Facebook: Stephen Lewis Secondary School_ Spirit week @SISS Council

Teacher Report

No teacher report this evening- she's ill

Administration report by principal:

- Staffing- Hired staff to fill in timetable for students
- Mission/Vision/Values- Revised these last spring by board etc. We should discuss the school vision at a future meeting
- Enrolment- students with timetable changes will be supported to catch up
- There are 1324 students attending. There were 1374 students last year A small drop this year but expected to have more students next year
- 2015-2016 school start/end times could be adjusted depending on enrolment. A sample schedule was explained, may need to have multiple lunch times to accommodate all students
- Question what is the max number of students in this school? Answer: Accommodations are determined by the school board. If enrolment is above that consistently, then portables or expansion are considered
- What/ How many schools have split lunches? Answer: Almost all
- Interim reports will be given out on Oct 7th Advised parents to keep an eye out for it and arrange parent/ Teacher interviews

Question: what is the best way to access info about the happenings at school?

- Website, dialogue with child, bulletin board, students updates

School activities

- Assemblies in previous week; York Region Police officer- Smoking/fines
- Safety drills and 3 Fire drill/semester

- Upcoming: Awards assembly- students from last year on honor roll, merit, excellence. Sept 30th 80% and above average.
- School teams up and running:
- Boys junior/senior soccer-, Girls volleyball, Basketball (in winter), Track and Field (Spring); No swimming team this year no pool space available at the community centre
- Students should Check bulletin board for updates
- Two international trips this year- March Break- France and Spain, March Break- Costa Rica
- Universities Fair- Metro Convention Centre

Questions:

- If caught smoking on school property what happens? Answer: Tobacco officers? Public Health catches them. \$325 or \$360 fine if caught on property
- Do you assign “buddies” for grade 9’s. Answer: Student ambassador- senior mentoring program. Ambassador goes to each class
- How can parents keep track of homework? Answer: Ask your child, there should be homework daily mostly
- Is there anyone guiding kids with university registration- Course selection etc? Answer: Yes, guidance will be looking after that now that scheduling has been sorted out
- Question: if I get a call for kid not being in school what should I do? Answer: Call back and confirm

Elections

- Need to fill some positions:
- Farah Naqvi- Secretary- record notes of minutes (minutes) and correspondence
- Treasurer- Track money, monitor ledger
- Saiyed Rizui- Chair- Speak to administrators, plan phone meetings, conferences, guest speakers,
- Parent Engagement Committee- Needs parents
- Fund Raising Committee
- We meet five times per year but parent engagement committee meet more

- Parent member on student council:
Motion to close nominations:

Treasurer: Dan

Secretary: Farah

Chair: Saiyed & Kurina

Parent Members: Zainab, Urooj, etc

- Question: Is there carpooling. The school does not set up car-pooling? Future meeting: arrange YRT rep to present transportation plans
- Question: How to set email notification? Stay behind and we’ll add you

Meeting Adjourned