

Stephen Lewis Secondary School School Council
Minutes of meeting held: January 19, 2015

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions around the table**
- **Minutes from November 17, 2014 meeting were approved**

Teachers Report

Ms. Revzen-Ellis reported:

- Grade 8 presentations were held at SLSS and our elementary schools
- Grade 9 – Math EQAO – Monday & Tuesday next week for all students in Grade 9 math this semester. Practice questions have been
 - Question: EQAO – Worth/value for kids in grade 9?
 - Answer from Mr. Baig:
 - Provincial assessment
 - Teachers mark EQAO – 5% of math mark
 - 2nd Semester – Same schedule
 - Results – distributed in the fall
- Exams begin on Friday – exam study booklets are available in Guidance and were handed out during lunch presentations to Grade 9 students via the Ambassadors Club
 - Friday, Jan 30/15 – studentss must come to school – Exam review day
 - Monday, Feb 2/15 – P.A. Day
 - Tuesday, Feb 3/15 – new semester begins
- Presentations for Course Selection for next year were held in January in small groups. Students must choose their courses and “submit” online from Feb 6 to Feb,. 18. Printed copies must be handed in on Feb. 18
 - March- Course verification letters given to students to confirm their choices
 - 34 Credit Threshold explained clearly – All students must have full timetables. Students must have earned 24 credits at SLSS before they can have a spare; there is a minimum of three courses per semester in grade 11 & 12
- Assemblies:
 - Live Differently Assembly Feb 11/15 – Grade 11
 - Bullying Assembly Feb 23/15 – Grade 9
 - Black History Month Feb 23=- Grade 10
 - Honour Roll Assembly Feb. 26 – Grade 9-12
 - Immunization clinic Feb 10/15

Student Council report.

Ms. Ellis also reported on behalf of the student council:

- Chess Club – 30 student participating in school tournament Feb 12/15
- Wrestling Team – Did very well
- Deca Team – Going to provincial competition – Business SHSM students also participating Program
- Ski & Snow Boarding Club (6 trips/2 buses back to school by midnight) Thank you to the teachers
- December – Family Feud competition was organized by the Comedy Club

Administration Report

Ms. Zeigler:

- OSSLT Literacy Test:
 - SLSS is one of the 7 schools in YRDSB doing Practice test in booklet & then online Feb practice test will not count towards their mark. IEP accommodations will be provided
 - Actual Test: March 26th, 2015. Content: Same for everyone across the province. ALL Students must ATTEND!! If they don't make it on that day. They must write the following year!!
- Literacy Course - 10 After School begins again in February. Building skills in grammar/language

Mr. Baig:

- Exams start Friday
 - Students with IEP's are given accommodations/help/support/extra time etc.
 - Students can leave right after the exam
 - Exam review day – Friday Feb 30/15

Mr. Shigeishi

- Semi – Formal – Feb 26th – Venetian – Ticket sales after exams
- IPRC meetings: Special Education staff is busy organizing IPRC meetings. Individual Education Plan (IEP) reviews in progress for all students for semester 2
- Course Selection – important – student requests determine which courses are offered and how many staff are assigned to SLSS. All students received workshops from Guidance, and help will continue to be available in February.

Regional Parent Symposium

- Wednesday April 15th, 2015 – evening (5pm-9pm)
 - Sheraton Parkway hotel – Leslie & Hwy 7
 - 5 parents only
 - No charge
 - Information will be distributed to all parents as soon as it is received

Parents Reaching Out Grant

- April 30th 2015 (evening) – Speaker Michelle Cassidy
 - Destressing family life
 - Volunteers needed to set up/organize this program
 - Reviewed flyer drafts
 - Need to promote event
 - Suggestions: Save the date – send out email to parents
- Translation (important questions for parents) in home language to convey important information
 - Volunteers needed
 - Suggested: Table of Contents – Circle 5 – 6 things that need to be translated
 - Everyone asked to complete/ form and mark off what they think is most important to translate

Fundraising

- Brainstorming/creating a sub-committee for fundraising
 - Contribute to schools technology
 - YRDSB will match up to \$6500

- Fundraising planned for Spring – April 2015
- Suggestions:
 - Teachers lunches – parents to contribute what they can for 115 staff members
 - Technology fundraising – involve students
 - Sub-committee – to come up with a few options and then consider whether it is feasible to do fundraising this year
 - Sub-committee members: Dan (danmao@gmail.com), Rebecca (hnrw@rogers.com) and Zainab (zshasan@gmail.com)

Meeting Adjourned