

Stephen Lewis Secondary School – School Council  
Notes from meeting May 11, 2015

Welcoming remarks and attendance – Karina

1. Motion to approve minutes of March 2015 meeting -Saiyed– carried
2. Student Council – James and Dan
  - Semi-Formal was very successful in February
  - Annual cancer week held in April. Daily activities at lunch raised awareness and funds for Canadian Cancer Society
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> Prom – school organized dance/dinner
  - School Carnival coming on May 29– funds collected will be used to support earthquake citizens of Nepal
  - Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> – athletic banquet – venetian Banquet Hall
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Drama Dept Mama Mia (open to all)
  - Next year hoping to start a breakfast club for needy students; looking for help with sponsors
  - Twitter account @slsscouncil
3. Teachers Report - Marissa
  - Report cards were distributed in April . Still collecting response forms from parents. Staff have met to review results and at risk students recognized and being supported
  - Staff are visiting Elementary schools are being visited so we are aware of students who may need support in secondary school.
  - Fri May 8 PA Day – Staff went to different workshops around the board based on the board and school improvement plans.
  - Valedictorian process is in progress. 12 candidates submitted applications. Students will vote on a selected list on May 25,26
  - Graduation award applications were distributed and committee reviewing applications. Donations welcome towards awards – contact Marissa if you have contacts we could approach.
  - Exams coming up and start on June 16 for Grade 12.
  - June 24<sup>th</sup> – Graduation. Grad gowns will be distributed one week in advance and can be kept after the ceremony. Supreme banquet hall – 6:00pm grads arrive, 7:00 start, 9:00pm end. Admission is by 2 tickets per family
4. Administration Report - Ken
  - Regrets from Debbie and Habeeb
  - Attendance – When parent/guardian signs out their child, the child is expected to be at home or in the care of the parent/guardian, not hanging out in the school
  - Medical notes during exams refer to severe illnesses. Medical note does not always mean student doesn't write the exam. All situations treated individually on a case-by-case basis.
  - Enrollment approximately 1350 next year. We will have nine elementary schools; 6 pack of portables coming on site to be ready for 2016-2017. Parents advised that some students may be in a portable for a 75 min class, not all day. There may be adjustments to the school times and periods for 2016/2017
  - Khadecia B was recognized as a student citizen of character at the York Region Character Awards night. Adam C and Christina Y were recognized as staff citizens of character. SLSS student Tanay P. was recognized at YRDSB Student Success Banquet. Many other students have been nominated for AEBS and TAAE awards
  - Staff are reviewing the possibility of offering Grade 12 AP Courses beginning 2016-2017 school year.
  - SLSS will be accepting on-line payments starting next year. This optional method can be used for all field trips, sports, engagement fees, agendas, graduation etc.
  - South side field being re-seeded and off limits during the summer.

5. Principal Profile and Role of Principal/Vice-Principal
  - Ken presented profile of YRDSB and the school
  - Role of administrator changing, multiple multi-tasking activities each day
  - Asked school council to create a school principal profile, draft created. The profile should be reviewed each year
6. YRDSB Parent Symposium:
  - April 15<sup>th</sup> – attended by three parents
  - Very informative & well organized event. Attended by 800 people & excellent workshops offered
  - York Region website – should have sessions available
7. Parents Reaching out Grant
  - April 30 – Parent night – 62 parents attended +8 council members= 70 people in total,
  - Feedback – 95% - well organized & well received event
  - Michelle Cassidy parents night session available on SLSS website.
  - Second part is the parent reference document. Sample headings handed out for discussion. Revisions to be given to Karina/Saiyed. Translated into different languages hope to complete by September and made available on website
  - Application for next year's grant – looking for input for speakers send names to Karina/Saiyed
8. Teacher appreciation lunch on June 17:
  - first year being held
  - Letter going out to parents on May 19<sup>th</sup> to ask for monetary donations; followed by email to check for the letter.
  - Any amount welcome, \$1, \$2 per family will work. If \$25 or above tax receipts can be issued– donation deadline – June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - \$1200 - \$1500 budget required
  - What a Bagel – (Longos plaza) – is the supplier for the event
  - Dan working with school staff to count and record donations, money go into school council account
9. Appreciations – thanks to all parents attending, volunteering
  - Karina acknowledged for her work as co-chairs the past two years
  - School council acknowledged for all their work and support this year

8:45 adjourned for the summer  
Next meeting: September 21, 2015.