

## **Stephen Lewis Secondary School**

### **School Council Meeting November 16, 2015**

#### **1. Welcome**

- a. Minutes from last meeting were approved.
- b. Attendance sheet circulated

#### **2. Student Council Report – James Wang, Dan Petrenko**

- 6:30 – 9:30 pm – upcoming dance – Winter Wonderland – fee \$2 with student activity, \$5 without
- Semi-formal event scheduled for February 2016

#### **3. Staff Report – Marissa Revzen-Ellis**

- September 30 – Terry Fox Day, all grades involved in fitness activities
- October – November – most colleges and universities have visited SLSS
- October 22 Parent/Guardian Interviews were held
- October 29 – free Grade 9 movie night was held by the Student Ambassadors
- Nov. 4 – Take Your Kids to Work Day – thank you parents/friends for helping
- Nov. 4 – Holocaust Survivor Guest Speaker for Grade 10 students
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day presentations – many departments contributed
- Nov. 12 - University application process assembly for Grade 12
- Nov. 18 – Mid terms were sent home
- Nov. 25 – Full disclosure date – last day for students to drop course or it will appear on transcript. Conditions apply.
- Nov. 26 – GSA – Gay Straight Alliance Open House and Information
- Nov. 30-Dec11 Grad photos – appointments set up on-line
- We have started a “Jack” club, connected with Jack.org which promotes mental health and well-being for all students and staff

#### **4. Exams (First Semester): Habeeb Baig**

- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (possibly January 28<sup>th</sup> if snow day)
- Students that are in Grade 9 seem stressed with workload this year, Guidance providing support and help, especially around exam time.
- All classes will receive review packages to help prepare the students for exams.

#### **5. Financing post-secondary education –Marissa Revzen-Ellis, Francesca Maietta**

Four P's of scholarship: Payment, Profile, Process, Possibilities

- Payment (Financing my education) Average yearly expense for college/university- \$18,000
  - Sources: Invest Savings, RESP, OSAP, Bank Loans, Parents / relatives, Part-time job, Summer job, work for a year to fund education, post-secondary co-op programs, Scholarship / bursaries / contests
  - Scholarships and Bursaries
    - Scholarships are from post-secondary institutions and companies, based on achievement and involvement
    - Bursaries from post-secondary institutes and companies based on need
    - All are Criteria driven – leadership, marks, merit
    - Types of scholarship:
      1. Entrance / Automatic admission + 80% → \$500/year
      2. Application required – specific deadline
      3. School nomination required
    - the following information is required Follow instructions carefully!

- Reference letters, transcript, proof of Finance, Status in Canada, Email address  
Multiple copies
    - Who offers scholarships? Companies, Charities, Government, Banks, Private individuals
  - Profile:
    - Academic merit, financial need, fine performing arts, geographic location, heritage and background, language, leadership / volunteering, religion, special needs, etc.
  - Process:
    - Presentation was made available to all students in October
    - Do your research: Check the different sources of information – YRDSB, Twitter, etc.,
    - Check Info in Guidance office!
  - Possibilities
    - Eligibility for scholarships – over 80,000 scholarships and bursaries are listed on the websites

#### **6. EQAO Results (Math) – Habeeb Baig**

- We still need to analyze data from EQAO results
  - Level 3 or 4 is the provincial standard
    - applied students – 64% vs 55% for the YRDSB
    - Academic students – 90% vs 90% for the YRDSB
- We did proportionally better with applied students. Academic students remained consistent.
- Dates for this year: January 18 and 19, 2016
- part of summative mark, 5% of the Grade 9 math mark

#### **7. EQAO Results (Literacy) – Debbie Ziegler**

- Overall pass rate – 92%
- SLSS trend and results are higher or consistent with the YRDSB and the province.

#### **8. Administration Report – Ken Shigeishi**

- Staffing/enrollment → 1334 students
- Expectation is that all students are full-time (need 3 or more classes). For Grade 12 students this workload helps to prepare them for the load at post-secondary programs
- Course Information night for incoming Grade 9 students. Also current grades 9 – 11 will be held December 10. Information has been sent to elementary schools. This year, we will have a Grade 8 visit in the spring instead of the fall.
- Lots of activities –e.g. Leadership opportunities – students could apply for 3 day trip to student conference in Niagara Falls. Teams and sports all running this year; Drama Festival – coming up, French club – French week
- Check the school bulletin – an information bulletin is emailed every 10 – 14 days, document posted on the website in the “news” section
- We are now collecting attendance using electronic devices, it is submitted on-line 15 – 20 minutes during class – this reduces errors and eliminates students carrying sheets to the office
- YRDSB Quest conference. We have students involved in an interactive art installation project and participating in sessions; 11 staff attending this international conference hosted by the YRDSB

#### **9. School Council activities – Saiyed Rizvi, Anna Klebanov**

- Fundraising events –YRDB document on back of agenda, has overview of requirements and policy, funds raised are to benefit students
- Staff appreciation (12 volunteers)
- Parent reaching out Grant (7 volunteers) –speakers being confirmed
- Parents handbook for translation – (5 volunteers) – document being reviewed

#### **10. Meeting adjourned.**