

Stephen Lewis Secondary School School Council

Minutes from School Council Meeting January 18, 2016

- Minutes from last meeting were approved.
- **Student Council Report** – by Ken Shigeishi
 - Semi-formal - planned for February 25th
- Staff Report – Ms. Revzen-Ellis
 - Reviewing school events from last meeting to now, distributed with agenda
 - Dance, grad pictures, EQAO
 - Exams start January 22nd
 - Exam Feedback day to review exams – January 29th – half day
 - February 1st – PA day
 - February 2nd – first day of second semester
 - February 5th – report cards issued for semester 1
 - Register for summer school in April 2016
 - Question: Could they do co-op in summer?
 - March 10th – parent / teacher meetings
- Course selections for 2016-2017 – Ms. Ellis
 - Students received small group presentations by guidance counselors instead of large assemblies for entire grades; more effective and personalized attention for students
 - Reviewed requirements to graduate with parents
 - Student and parents can research through websites provided to see if they have prerequisites for program they are thinking of going into
 - Students and parents should be using career cruising as well as other websites provided by guidance counselors in individual class sessions.
 - SHSM – Special High Skills Major
 - Based on economic sectors. At SLSS we offer Business, manufacturing, hospitality, health and wellness
 - Senior program for grades 11 & 12
 - Choose 4 major subjects, need to have a co-op experience
 - Health and wellness → careers in hospital, physio, etc.
 - Free certifications and training, field trips to colleges, universities, workplaces
 - February 5th → choose courses for next year – due by Feb. 22 (last day)
 - Pick courses wisely! Hard to switch

- Admin Report – Ken Shigeishi
 - AP (Advanced Placement) Calculus
 - Starting next year for high achieving students for grade 12
 - Principal profile – reviewed profile for submission to board office
 - Suggestion – add leadership characteristics
 - New PA days – May 6 for elementary, June 3 for secondary
 - Many exciting activities taking place thanks to our staff who volunteer their time to supervise. Playoffs for basketball, volleyball, swimming and we expect to win YRAA Wrestling again.
 - Staff have been preparing students for exams with exam review, etc.

- School Council
 - Parents Reaching Out grant speaker series
 - 1st seminar – February 11th, 2016 – Bullying Seminar – 7 pm
 - 2nd seminar – April ? – date to follow, communicating to your child
 - Fundraising
 - Farah Naqvi boutique night as a thought
 - April / May – Thursday or Saturday
 - Initiative is to raise funds for the breakfast club
 - Need help / volunteers
 - Topics for future meetings?
 - Invite SLSS trustee to update us on any changes
 - Suggestions should be sent to the chairs
 - Fundraising update
 - Other issues
 - nil

The meeting then adjourned.