

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

School Council Meeting May 17, 2016

Motion to approve Minutes from last meeting: Saiyed, Anna
Carried.

Student Council Report

- New Council Co-Presidents – Adela and Aliya – Council consists of both elected and appointed positions
- Carnival – June 27, 2016. Extended lunch. De-stress before exams
- Spirit day – planned to help students de-stress before exams

Guest Speaker – Dianne Boehm, SLSS Head of Community Based Education

Topic: Experiential Learning Programs offered at SLSS and YRDSB

- Pamphlet of experimental learning and community-based education programs
- In Co-op, students receive approximately 3 weeks in-school training on safety, workplace etiquette etc prior to going to their workplace setting. At the workplace, tasks are created that are linked to courses taken in school
- Can be taken in Grade 11 or 12. Students may take a 2 credit co-op in the morning or afternoon, or an all day 4-credit coop.
- Different programs have focus for student needs
 - OYAP – Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program – electricians, cooks/chefs, construction, automotive
 - Internal co-op program – 2 credits – co-op credit to Costa Rica – 4-week program
 - SHSM program – 2 credits as part of the SHSM, required to receive the “red seal”
- Punctuality, responsibility and commitment stressed – attendance is important
- Everyone cooperates for a good, positive learning environment for each other
- Travelling to and from co-op is student’s responsibility.

ACTION: If interested in having student participate, they can contact Ms. Boehm in the Co-op office, Room 129

Teacher Report – Marissa Revzen-Ellis

- April 16 – global ideas institute – students presented to multiple audiences
- May 1 – college application acceptance deadline
- May 2 – fusion conference on equity in schools
- May 3 – science Olympics – got spirit award
- May 5 – multi-cultural food marketplace. Money donated to Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- May 5 – U of T biology contest
- May 26 – prom. There are no pre-prom, or post-prom school activities.
- May 27 – carnival – bbq, inflatables, games
- May 31 – one match bone marrow clinic
- June 1 – music night

- June 1 – university applications deadline
- June 27 – graduation

Admin Report – (Ken Shigeishi / Debbie Ziegler)

- Thank you to all our teaching staff for supporting our students in class, as well as all the activities listed on the agenda report. The following gave some highlights:
- April 21 – 2 students participated in DECA international business competition in Nashville. Placed 15th in the world!
- Ontario skills competition – regional competition – 7th in Ontario – our grade 11 student
- Eco-team – this year recycling was the focus, awaiting results of the external adjudication; 2 water filling stations to come
- Received Grant of over \$8,000 from the Ministry of Education for Community learning project. History of local Thornhill area. Students interviewed former residents, researched in the town archives. They will be writing stories about history of area, creating a story/colouring book and reading to elementary students.
- As notified in the fall, School hours for 2016-2017 – 8:25 am to 3:00 pm School day will consist of 5 periods per day to accommodate rooms for specialized subjects (e.g. gym, hospitality, family studies, drama). All grade 9 students will have a common lunch (period 3)
- Marissa Revzen-Ellis was awarded the YRDSB Secondary Teacher of the Year award
- Character, AEBS and Tamil awards – two nominated students each category received awards
- Exams – Early graduation so grade 12 exams start early. Schedule will be distributed next week. Exams end on June 27.
- June 27th – graduation ceremony at Hazelton Manor
- Report cards are available starting July 4.

School Council (Saiyed Rizvi and Anna Klebanov)

- April 11th – Dror Enbar – positive feedback, engaging with audience. Well attended with 105 in attendance, majority from feeder schools
ACTION: Saiyed and Anna will finalize ministry report to receive the funds
- Next year – good speaker to be arranged ahead of time
 - April 27, 2017 – Paul Davis – internet safety, social networking safety, texting, social media safety – students in the morning, parents in the evening.
 - Michelle Cassidy helping teens with high school anxiety
 - Laureen Millman – expert in field of family building healthy relations with teens
 ACTION: Anna and Saiyed will submit application for next year

Staff Appreciation Event – (Rebecca)

- June 3, 10:00 am for approx 135 staff
- Coffee and treats
- Invitations will be distributed to staff in May

- To date \$215 was raised by voluntary donations from parents attending school council meetings

ACTION: committee to finalize

Fundraising – 2016/2017 (Saiyed)

- Considering Raffle tickets, companies can donate prizes

ACTION: next year council

Election of New Council (Saiyed)

- Elections will take place at next meeting, scheduled for September 19, 2016

Remaining School Council Funds (Saiyed)

Motion to use remaining school council funds for graduating student bursaries

Moved by Saiyed, Seconded by Anna, Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.