

Stephen Lewis Secondary School  
School Council Meeting  
Monday, September 19, 2016, 7:15 pm

### **Student Council Report**

- Student Council co-presidents: Aliya and Adela
- Several events started up spirit week. Working to increase school spirit all year. Many activities like year book; art club, DECA (business) club, jack.org, free the children and so on are getting started. Students should watch the TV announcement board and other posters to sign up and join
- Student Athletic Association has several events coming up; Terry Fox Run; Twin Day. Girls' volleyball tryouts; cricket tryouts; boys' basketball;

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Last year 2-parent events; guest speakers – (1) Bullying psychologist, (2) Fostering communication. This year speaker Paul Davis booked for April 2017. \$700.00 for parents and students.

- Staff Appreciation Lunch: June 2016
- 4 page handbook/brochure distributed to Mandarin speaking families. Cost pver \$400.00.
- Pro-grant from government available \$1000.00 and \$500 provided by YRDSB
- This year perhaps have fundraising committee. Ken – Fundraising breakfast club; snack breakfast; milk; fruit; yogurt; juice – last year average 90 students. \$1700.00 raised for breakfast club from grants to date

### **Elections 2016-2017 School Year**

- Elections were held and the following parents form the school council
 

<u>Co-Chairs</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Anna Klebanov	Liat Waisenberg	Sharon Stolte
Rebecca Haberman		
- Members-at-Large  
Bryna Abtan, Mira Kapelow, Debi Kisluk, Renata Legerman, Rhona Stessel, Janna Unea
- Sub-Committees are being formed: sign-up sheet circulated  
(1) Speaker engagement; (2) Starr Appreciation; (3) Fundraising

### **Administration Report (Ken, Debbie, Habeeb)**

- Thank you parents for your support.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> – YRDSB Safety Week
- September 29<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run for schools
  - Several Groups led by student ambassador club – Grade 9 walk around community and elementary schools; afternoon senior students walk; lunch hour fun activity events.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – Progress reports go home
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent-teacher interview night
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alexander Mackenzie High School – College/University fair
- November 11<sup>th</sup> –mid-semester report cards go home
- School Enrollment – 1357 Students full-time equivalent. Hiring additional staff.

### **Digital Identity and Mental Health Presentation (Ken)**

- Mental Health is an Important Topic
  - Positives and Worries
    - Digital security, emotional intelligence, communications, rights
    - The power/influence of social media on students; social networking is a place to be seen and heard; to connect with other teens – facebook, instagram, twitter, etc.
  - Negative of Digital Identity

- Today easily copied, instantly shared; all this affects mental health as everything has become public; personal attacks in the form of text images, videos. Social Networking adds to the problem e.g. accounts are hacked, pressure to share passwords.
- Hard to keep anything private as was the case years back.
- Positives of Digital Identity/Positives of Social medias
  - Gain broader understanding of community and work events
  - Engage in critical thinking and decision making
  - Find others who have shared interests – sports, academic, cultural
- Parents – Model positive character; model positive online interactions; help us teach when it is appropriate to use technology
- Video Presentation to attendees: “The Science of Character” This video was used as part of the opening week assemblies to stress to students the importance of good character. It talks about human virtues and asks them “what do you want to be...”
  - Shows diversity of humans on earth
  - 24 (character) strengths in humans i.e. honesty, courage, etc. and how they shape you and how you can shape others (social science) = positive in humans
  - Fixed vs Growth mind set.
  - Parents can help by remembering to have regular in-person conversations with their students

#### **Other Business**

**YRT Bus Route #23** picks up students at the wrong time when school ends. Can we change this?– Call 905-762-2100; ticket #840864 to voice your concern. SLSS has already had conversations with YRT, more parents would help influence a change in the times.

Next meeting: November 21, 2016, 7:15p.m.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40p.m.