

Stephen Lewis Secondary School
School Council Minutes
January 23, 2017

- Approval of minutes: Rebecca H, Janna U
- Student Council report: Ken S reported for student council
 - Feb 23, Semi-Formal dance, tickets on sale starting mid February
 - Clubs –some clubs will have displays at lunch during second week of February
- Ken & Marissa Presentation:
 - SHSM presentations (Specialist High School Major)
 - o MOE program exposes students to careers in specific economic sectors
 - o Prepares students for all post secondary destinations
 - o Program costs for students are fully funded
 - o Students receive a red seal on diploma, as well as a more detailed program summary document showing all courses and certifications
 - o Programs at SLSS are Business, Health & Wellness, Robotics & Manufacturing, and Hospitality & Tourism
 - o SHSM programs consist of: sector specific credits and related course credits, all count towards the diploma and SHSM program
 - o Certifications include standard first aid and CPR, as well as sector specific certifications. All costs covered!
 - o Reach-ahead opportunities for specialized visits to post-secondary college, university and workplaces, career talks, guest speakers
 - o Students can sign up now through career cruising, interviews take place in April
 - Co-Op
 - o Integrates classroom theory with practical theory
 - o Way of learning outside of classroom
 - o Allows students to experience their field of interest
 - o Helps support pathways and students can “test” a career
 - o Gain valuable employability skills
 - o Application process on now for next year through career-cruising
 - o Many options for co-op placement, some have limited spaces
 - o Contact Ms Boehm at Dianne.boehm@yrdsb.ca , co-op office room 129 or guidance counsellor
- Staff Report: Marissa
 - November visits to feeder schools started – will return to support course selection
 - Pep rally in Dec – huge success
 - Teachers are doing exam prep in class and last week, lunch time exam prep sessions were offered to students in the library
 - Exam review day Feb 2nd; Feb 6th semester 2 begins.
 - Course selection presentations started Jan 13. In small groups, students go onto career cruising, Ontario colleges and E-info site for university/colleges, with support of a guidance counsellor. Feb 13th students can start to “submit” their course requests; Feb 24th deadline for course submission. Printout due to homeroom teacher with parent signature
 - Grad photo retakes Feb 16 2017
 - Mental health – large focus of board – school helping students de-stressjack.org committee run by Ms Ellis and 2 other staff
 - Feb is black history month, guest speakers and displays

- School Council Report: Rebecca
 - Executives met prior to meeting to discuss pro-grant budget-how to spend funds
 - Last year used part of pro-grant to translate student handbook information into mandarin. Next year planning to translate into Russian or Hebrew
 - Pro-grant also covers guest speakers. Speaker this year: Paul Davis – social networking safely. April 27, 2017 for students in the day and parents at night
 - Sub committees: fundraising met on Dec 5, 2016 go forward with suggestions

- Admin Report: Ken and Debbie
 - Staffing enrolment – interviewing for 2nd semester. 9 positions to be filled due to various leaves; up to 5 interviews /per position
 - New course: recreational leadership, grade 12 M level covers leadership skills with different focus than the business leadership and peer leadership courses we currently offer
 - course selection affects offerings for next year, important that all students choose courses on time. Projecting about the same number of students, about 1,400
 - March 3rd interim report for second semester will be sent home with students
 - City of Vaughan made proposal to school board to put in a walking path from the park at the corner of Dufferin/Autumn Hill along the west fence into the community centre park. This has been approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting March 6, 2017, guest speaker from York Region Health.