

**Stephen Lewis Secondary School – School Council
School Council Meeting - Minutes
September 18, 2017**

- Welcome and opening remarks – Anna, Rebecca
- Minutes from last meeting were approved – moved by Sharon and Debi. Carried
- **Student Council Report** – Max and Trishla
 - Outdoor movie night was a great success with 300+ students in attendance. Students brought in non-perishable food items for donation to food bank.
 - Grade 9 elections –scheduled for September 28th, 2017
 - Fall activities – semi-formal dance in November, surveys on activities
 - Sports teams are up and running
 - Clubs are up and running, look at posters throughout the school, and on website
- **Staff Report**
 - Grade 9 students welcomed in special day of activities led by Student Ambassadors club
 - September 20th - Club Fair was held
 - September 13th – photo day - photo retakes – October 10th
 - September 25th – PA Day
 - October 12 – Interim reports will be given out to students
 - October 19th – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **School Council Report – Anna, Rebecca**
 - Thank you to the Executive Team, volunteers
 - Last year summary report:
 - Last year Ministry of Education PRO Grant -Parent engagement evening – Guest speaker: Paul Davis spoke about social networking – raised \$205.00 for breakfast fundraising
 - Annual regional parent’s symposium was held end of March at Sheraton. 20 workshops with focus on ways to increase parent engagement
 - Updated previous year’s School Council Constitution and By-Laws document. This is reviewed on an annual basis. Up to 8 parent members.
 - Staff appreciation lunch – Parent volunteers event
 - This year
 - December 7th – guest speaker – Lauren Millman – used pro-grant funds for speaker booked last year
 - Need parents to support various sub-committees, contact co-chairs if interested
- **2017-2018 Executive Team elections:**
 - Co-Chairs: Rebecca and Anna
 - Secretary: Liat
 - Treasurer: Sharon
 - Members at Large: Rhona, Mark, Myra, Debi, Karen, Danielle, James, Sheetal
- **Administration Report – Ken**
 - Welcome back to 6 staff returning from maternity leave
 - 15 new staff and educational assistants (EA’s)
 - New teacher hired just before school started to accommodate increased enrolment
 - As reported last year, portables being used this year. YRDSB planning department is aware of the new housing going up north of Rutherford. Current enrolment 1440. Guidance has been supporting student requests for timetable adjustments

- Sept 22-23 – University fair downtown at Metro Convention Centre for all Ontario. Local Post-secondary fair – November 1st hosted at Alexander Mackenzie High School for all local secondary schools (Westmount, Alex Mac, Maple, Thornhill, Thornlea)
 - Sept. 28 – Terry Fox run, grades 9 and 10 will be on a community walk. All grades can do – to build school spirit
 - Fundraising – “Fresh from the Farm” – 40% of money collected remains at the school. Proceeds will go to the Breakfast Club, Pamphlet handed out to attendees, due by October 10
 - Principal profile was distributed: to review at November meeting for submission to the board
- **Safe Schools Presentation:** Debbie and Patrick gave safe schools presentation at student assembly and provided overview to those in attendance
- Message – we are a caring and safe school at SLSS It is a welcoming school environment.
 - Character matters – spoke about 10 attributes, human rights, being respectful
 - Students participated in Kahoot – i.e. use of phones, peanut free environment, fines for smoking and vaping, drugs/alcohol, lockers and keeping valuables safe. Valuables should be kept at home as the school is not responsible for lost items.
 - Students were spoken to about consequences for inappropriate behavior such as bullying, smoking and other behaviours in the student handbook. Examples: counselling, detentions, suspensions as described in the YRDSB parent handbook, expulsion. Administration reviewed full list with the students
 - Discussion included bullying, mental health and well-being

The meeting adjourned at 8:35