

Minutes SDSS Parent Council Meeting

April 15th, 2019

In attendance : Ramona Lawrance, Teri Turner, Dalene Serebro, Laura Taccome, Rose Walker, Karen Parris, Jathushan Kodeswaran, Dave Somasandavum, JeAnne Jessup, Lisa Hume, Lisa Williams-Rozario, Stephanie Lanigan

Student Council Report - Jay Kodeswaran

Flash Back Friday

Friday, May 31, 2019: **Flash Back Friday:** Students are encouraged to dress up from a different decade.

Carnival

Friday, June 7, 2019: Carnival will be taking place. There will be food trucks, inflatables, mini-games, photobooth, etc. Will have period 2 - 4, and everyone is invited to have fun.

Timelines and Elections Process

Tuesday, April 23, 2019: Nomination packages available in front of the cafeteria.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019: Optional Election Info meeting after school in 2037.

Thursday, May 9, 2019: Completed nomination packages due by 12:00 pm to Mr. Przemieniecki. Mandatory all-candidates meeting after school in 2036.

Monday, May 20, 2019: Campaigning may begin.

Monday, May 27, 2019: Speeches and President/Vice-President Videos due to Mr. Przemieniecki by 3:45 pm. Speech practice after school in the cafeteria.

Thursday, May 30, 2019: Speeches performed in period 1 assembly.

Friday, May 31, 2019: Voting will take place in homerooms at 9:15 am.

Teachers Report- Laura Taccome

1. The music department had an excellent festival season with Vocal and Concert Band receiving silver awards and the Symphonic Band receiving a silver plus and the Wind Symphony earning a Gold rating. Concert is coming up May 9th.
2. ESP- Handed out fruit with positive messages over the course of two mornings to cheer our student body up for Mental Health Awareness Month. We also hosted a community fair with various organizations. Prior to the fair our Public Health Nurse came in to train our ESP students on mental health vs. mental illness and about stigma in general. The students ran the booths during the community fair to bring awareness to these issues. Our next community fair will take place during our BREAK Day on May 8th.

Understanding Mental Health and Mental Illness:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Healthy/Pages/Mental-Illness-and-Mental-Health-Awareness.aspx>

3. Travel opportunities: This year's out of country learning opportunity sees students from SDSS travelling this Thursday, April 17th to Iceland for 5 days. This is a first time excursion and the experiential learning opportunity it provides extends beyond any classroom. Next year students will have the opportunity to explore France and Spain in March 2020. This trip is for any students who have taken or are planning to take grade 10 French or Spanish, or higher. The basic cost is \$3995 (but hopefully less with high participation and some fundraising). Four days are spent in Paris, 2 days in Nice/Monaco, and 4 days are spent in Barcelona. It will be a great way for students to experience and become immersed in the language and culture. Interested students should see Language Department teachers for a letter of interest + more info to come in regards to payment and trip details.
4. On June 12 the math department will hold its annual "Math Celebration" to recognize the achievements of all students who wrote the math contests. Students will be able to find out their scores. Certificates and medals will be distributed then. There will be cake and door prizes. Students will receive invitations towards the end of May.
5. Presidents' council ran a very successful Spartan Spring Spirit Boost the last two weeks. Students were engaged in various activities during lunch time. You can list some of the activities: Music Mondays, Mystery Box, Games Day, Video Game Challenge, Line Dancing, Minute to Win it, Crafts, Community Fair, Rube Goldberg.
6. We had a guest speaker on Thursday (April 11) in the Theatre Room. Selected period 5 classes in History, Family Studies and English got to hear Trinh Campbell's story. Mr. Campbell was a refugee at the end of the Vietnam War. He is the author of Orphan 32, which tells his life story, and is also a motivational speaker. His message: there's always hope. He was orphaned by accident, but miraculously reunited with his birth family as an adult.
7. A community outreach initiative of YRP, "Rock With Cops" is a musical "Battle of the Bands." At SDSS, it's taking place in the caf during period 3 and period 4 lunches. Each band does two songs: there's the police band, the SDSS Jazz Band, a teacher band (comprised of Ms. Onisto on vocals, Mr. Jimmo on bass, Mr. Hammond on guitar and Mr. Butters on drums) and a couple of student bands.
8. Just a reminder that Prom will be taking place on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 @ Le Parc Banquet Facility in Richmond Hill. This year's theme is "The Enchanted Forest". Ticket sales are now closed but we are excited for another exciting celebration.

Principals Report - Rose Walker

Operational

- Lockdown Drill will be taking place this week
- New Furniture - New tables have been placed in the hall between the cafeteria and library. There will be power outlets coming so that students have a place to charge their phones/computers.
- Graduation Composites- The photos have been taken down because some of the new tables were blocking them. The photos will be digitalized and viewed on a TV screen that will be located in the school.
- The school will be moving forward with a common lunch starting in September 2019. The timetable has yet to be finalized for this change.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 25th- Midterm Report Cards
- May 2nd Prom
- May 3 PA Day
- May 8 BREAK Day
- June 6 Music Banquet
- June 11 Grade 12 Recital
- June 13/14 EQAO Math
- June 13 Athletic Banquet
- Exams June 19-25
- June 25 Graduation
- June 26 Exam Review
- June 27 & 28 PA Days

Meeting Adjourned 7:40pm

Next meeting June 3, 2019