

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING minutes - **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Attendees:**

Leianne McCallum, Jo-Anne Jessop, Yetunde Olowokere, Sing-Tak Kwok, Diana Bohemier, Josh Ogden,  
Jessica Robey, Laura Taccone, Mirella Sanwalka, Reid Wilshire, Susan Maharaj, Somasanma Sriharan,  
Shelley Poirier, Mayor Justin Altman

1. **Welcome to parents**

2. **Student Council Representative Report:** Josh Ogden

Hunger Games in November – all councils came together to work on this. There were challenges like Minute to Win it and food challenges by the Laughing Olive. The athletic council did the closing finally. It was a great turn out. On December 19th there will be two talent show assemblies. There was no pressure to sign up and auditions were held. The two hour show will be held this Friday. There will be a good variety of singing and dancing. The ugly sweater contest will be the same day. (Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>)

Video music dance will be held February 12<sup>th</sup> and held in Cafeteria. Two companies bid and then a third one came in \$200. Cheaper. Tickets are \$10 before exams and \$15 after exams. There was a great attendance last year and are expecting the same this year.

4. **Staff Reports:** Mr. Reid Wilshire (**Principal's Report**)

The semi-formal held at the Chrystal Palace on November 27<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Past graduates were not allowed to attend. The board policy states the age limit is 21. This event is for current students.

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Mental Health Myth busting ?? (What is this).

Mark Watkins had a child that died of cancer and would like a swab program run in every school.

**Teachers report:** Laura Taccone

**ESP**

1. just completed successful bully awareness week, highlighted by the police and staff vs. student dodgeball game
2. working towards railroad safety awareness now

**Best Buddies**

1. Feb. 6 meet and greet between students and their buddies
2. still accepting students for buddies and leaders
3. so far 17 students and 4 confirmed leaders

**Gay-Straight Alliance**

1. up and running at the school, meeting once a week
2. looking to promote and support equity amongst staff and students
3. beginning plans for Pink Day to create awareness and advocacy

### **Music**

1. workshops with elementary partners were a success. Grade 8's from elementary schools came in to work with the high school students and encourage them to pursue music in secondary school
2. Students, under the leadership of Vocal teacher Miriam Sellick-Smith performed for the older adults at Parkview Retirement residence. It was a great success and the residents were thrilled with the opportunity.
3. Music show on December 10th was a great success and showcased the phenomenal talent of the students here at SDSS.

**Drama** - the drama students performed a play for local elementary students.

### **Visual Arts:**

1. police partnership in the fall saw the 'Under the Bridge' mural completed and installed under the bridge on the south side of Hoover Park just east of the Smart Centre complexes.
2. Grade 12 students will again be running their exhibition at the Latcham gallery in the New Year. Everyone is encouraged to support our artists and local community.

### **Guest Speaker – Mayor Justin Altman**

Four thousand more homes have been approved to be built. There will be more high density housing coming and the population will grow to 60,000. A new High school will be needed but nothing is signed yet. They are looking at the old High school site. The biggest growth is at the primary level so we have a few years. The cafeteria cap is at 600 and we have 1300 students.

Initiatives for Project Proposals should be put together by March so they can plan. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. There will be several changes and trying to get the youth more involved, like doing a newspaper article. The town will be working with the Police and Fire department in regards to ice on the ponds. More lights will be put in the skate park.

A comment was made that more garbage pails are required in town and Justin said that he would look into it.

The 2015 review will look at the possibility of a new pool. 51K is received from every new home built. Most revenue is from businesses so it is important to attract new business to Stouffville as well as keep existing ones here.

**Other business – A Blood Donor Clinic** will be held December 27<sup>th</sup> and the school will announce that.

### 6. Motion to adjourn 8:35

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 17 @ SDKSS Library

Future Monday Meeting Dates For 2015 @ SDSS Library: April 20<sup>th</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>