

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING minutes - Monday, October 20th, 2014

Attendees:

Leianne McCallum, Yetunde Olowokere, Sing-Tak Kwok, Diana Bohemier, Josh Ogden, Ramona Lawrance, Linda Vizl, Kim Ward, Carol Bishop, John Piper, Vicki Schultz, Mirella Sanwalka, Reid Wilshire, Susan Maharaj

1. **Welcome address:** Welcome to new parents.
2. **Student Council Representative Report:** Josh Ogden

Halloween Contest: October 31;

Spirit Week: November 24-28;

Grade 9 Addition: Student council just recruited a grade 9 student to join the council, which has approx 32 members at present.

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

Unsupported Trip: There is an outside group organizing a trip for students without the knowledge of SDSS administration. Parents should be aware that the School Board has a procedure for field trips and will follow it if it is a school organized trip.

SDSS's The University Fair: was well attended; there were a lot of representatives from universities and colleges present.

SDSS's 2014 Semi-Formal: This year's semi-formal will be held on November 27th at Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. School will go over the expectations with students and expect the event to be problem free as it was last year.

4. **Teachers report:** Mr. John Piper

Study Hall: Some teachers are running "Study Hall" during the lunch for students looking for a place to study and receive assistance while eating lunch.

Remembrance Day Event: Something is being developed by a group of grade 10 students and teachers' assistants for the upcoming Remembrance Day assembly.

Visual Arts Department: York Regional Police and SDSS are working together to develop and paint murals to beautify the Town.

We Day Event: 15 SDSS students attended the We Day event at the beginning of the month.

WE SCARE HUNGER Campaign: SDSS's Free the Children Chapter (with the support of Ford Canada) is holding their second annual WE SCARE HUNGER food drive during the month of October. On Halloween night, SDSS students will be collecting and dropping off non-perishable food donations to Houston Ford at 5786 Main Street. All the collected food items will be distributed to local food banks. Parent council members are invited to support the initiative.

5. New Business:

OSSLT Results – Mr. John Piper

- 95% of the eligible students fully participated in the test out of which 87% passed.
- 83% of the total eligible students passed, 13% failed while 4% deferred the test.
- **Academic:** 95% of the Academic English student passed
- **Applied:** 61% of the Applied English students passed

EQAO Math Results – MS Vicki Schultz

Academic: Over 200 Academic Math students wrote the test out of which 90% achieved levels 3 or 4

Applied: 39 Applied Math students wrote the test and 70% of them achieved levels 3 or 4. An improvement from last year's 50%

How SDSS students prepare for the test:

- School Literacy Plan: Using data to provide support in areas of need;
- School's literacy test preparation for grades 9 and 10 classes.

For more information about the test, parents can go to: <http://www.eqao.com/>

Promoting the Parent Council: In an attempt to inform parents about SDSS parent council activities and to encourage more participation, it was proposed that the council host a table during the next grade 8 Open House and course selection night on January 14, 2015.

Council information Update Website: It was confirmed that only staff can post information on the school's website. Council will attempt to get the minutes uploaded through administration.

6. Motion to adjourn: 7:45PM

Future Meeting Dates For 2014/2015 @ SDSS Library: December 15th, February 17, April 20th, June 1st