

**STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
MINUTES SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 18, 2017**

In attendance: Reid Wilshire, Ranjit Gill, Laura Taccone, Diana Bohemier, Lisa Hume, Lynn Cruickshank, Jennifer Ward, Beverly Love, Dave Somasundarem, Dalene Serebro

Meeting started: 6:34pm

Student Report – Jennifer

- April initiative – mental health – empowering student's partnerships (ESP) – fair, mental health – ignite
 - Participation has been good for all of their initiatives
 - Applications for Student Council – next month – May election campaigns
 - May 19 is Cowboy Day!
 - June 2 is Spring Carnival at lunchtime
- Lisa & Lynn asked for Bubble Soccer info from Jennifer

Update on Parent Symposium – Reid Wilshire

Workshops were engaging – specifically designed for parents. As always, the turnout was strong and well embraced, and the concept is good. It is a good time for networking opportunities etc

Teacher Report – Laura Taccone

1. Guidance is doing a field trip to George Brown next Thursday "Business Exploration Day" where they will get a sneak peak into what it's like to study business at a post secondary institution. They will learn about program and attend mini-lectures on varied business topics. We have about 41 students attending currently. Trip is totally free thanks to student success J
2. Summer school sign-up has started already. More information can be found in the Spartan Speaks.
3. Summer School e-Learning is available for all interested students who have permission from their home schools. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Registration Opens: April 20, 2017 at 9 AM
4. Girls Club is running at our school currently as a continuation from Girlz' Night In. All girls are welcome to attend future sessions which include:
 - April 25 - YOGA (learn some excellent relaxation techniques)
 - May 9 - COSMETOLOGIST (a great opportunity to learn new makeup tricks from a professional make-up artist)
 - May 16 - KICKBOXING (get energized with some great moves!) No experience necessary!!
 - June 6 - SKIN CARE (excellent tips to taking care of our ever-changing skin!)
****Girls can sign-up in the guidance office.
5. ESP is hosting a community fair on April 26th in the front foyer during both lunches in honour of mental health awareness month
6. ESP is hosting a MADD Canada assembly for grade 12 students on May 3rd

7. We had a successful Vimy 100 trip to England and France. In addition to begin very close to the front at the 100th ceremony, we also laid a wreath created by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459 of Stouffville. The wreath-laying was at Beny-Sur-Mers cemetery, in the Normandy region of France. It's the largest Canadian War grave in France. The graves there are soldiers from D-Day and the Battle of Normandy in WWII. There was also a ceremony near Buckingham Palace at the Canadian War Memorial, put on by the Canadian High Commission to Britain.
8. We Free the Children is hosting a finale to mental health month next week (April 28) Banana's in Pajama's breakfast buy-in will occur next Thursday in period 1. Students will donate \$5 for a healthy breakfast of yogurt, fruit juice and pancakes. During the period, they can wear their pajama's and will participate in line dancing (hosted by athletic council) and will watch episodes of Banana's in Pajama's or do an obstacle course. Money raised will go to the Blue Door Shelter in Newmarket for homeless or at-risk youth. Tickets are on sale this week!
9. For Grade 12 students interested in attending this year's prom scheduled for May 25, ticket sales will begin online on Monday, April 24 until May 4. Tickets can also be purchased in person at school April 2, 3, 4 during period 3 lunch. All students (including outside guests) MUST submit a signed consent form along with payment in order to purchase a ticket. No exceptions.

Principal's Items – Reid Wilshire (and Ranjit Gill)

Reid Wilshire:

- Community is changing – all YRSB events have a NO alcohol or drugs policy – after prom is the main concern, the dangers of excess are discussed with the students – “prom posals” are not encouraged, but if they are going to happen, they are not to interfere with school
- Staffing: heats up for next year, we have a surplus of 4 teachers – a lot can change between April and September. Currently we are staffed at 1207 for September (projected), which is less than this year. Allocating teachers to various departments/shared departments can be a challenge – teachers are assigned to courses they are qualified to teach and as much as possible to the subject areas of their preference. Ranjit leads the team that builds the timetable.

Ranjit Gill:

- Current lunch structure
 - Grades 9&10 lunch at period 4
 - Grades 11&12 lunch at period 3
- Proposed lunch for 2017-2018 year
 - Grade 9 – period 3
 - Grade 10 – period 4
 - Grades 11&12 – floating between periods 3&4
- The school has had a few calls from community partners with complaints about period 4 students (grades 9&10), so we want to separate the two grades for lunch recess to see if we have fewer complaints.

Reid Wilshire:

- We will be receiving a (6 pack) portapack (Portables) before the next school year. It will be located by the bicycle racks

Ranjit Gill:

- We have been randomly selected for assessment by PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) – for students born in 2001
- The writing assessment will be on May 9, 2017 – periods 1,2,3 – read, math, financial literacy
- This will be ranked internationally by country
- Information can be found at their website: <http://www.oecd.org/pisa/>

New Business:

- Principal profile – for next meeting – leadership skills, these were developed by previous council – needs to be revised. We need a strong background/understanding of special education – we have 6 community classes.

Questions/comments

Diana – Are supply teachers based on seniority?

Reid responded: Supply teachers are interviewed centrally by administration as part of a union supported process – there is no “preferred list” anymore, supply teachers are called in by a computer system. Admin has a little more say with regard to Long Term Occasional teaching positions – get to interview the top 5 by seniority.

Diana – Are we still doing “Girlz Inc”?

Ranjit responded that he will get back to her on that.

Lisa Mentioned PRO Grant – She has put in the application and will send in the follow up information for us to be considered for next one.

Dave – Asked about the York Board Financial Situation that is being investigated – is it at local level?

Ranjit responded that this was taking place at the Board level and not local.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48pm

Next School Council Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2017
