

STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Minutes  
**Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**In Attendance:** John Tsourounis, Simone Baumgartner, John Piper, Josh Ogden, Lisa Hume, Jo-Anne Jessup, Kim Ward, Steve Love, Carol Bishop, Tracey Turney, Ramona Lawrence, Yetunde Olowokere, Stephanie Lanigan, Diana Bohemier

1. **Request volunteer for taking Minutes** – = Diana Bohemier

2. **Student Report** by Josh Ogden, President of school council:

**November:** The Inside Ride is on the 30<sup>th</sup> – This was a fundraising event for children's cancer put on in collaboration with the Free the Children chapter in our school. Over 35 teams rode in the event and raised over \$14,000! The event itself was a great success and saw new leadership talent from other people on council as well as from other teachers in the school.

**December:** Star Wars in the Café – We are showing episode 6 Return of the Jedi period 3 on Tuesday and Wednesday in anticipation of the movie coming out on Friday.

Talent Show & Ugly Sweater Day: Both on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> – non competitive events. The show will take place during the first and fifth period and is for all grades. Singing acting and even teacher talents will be showcased this year. Ugly sweater day is a spirit day to commemorate those heartfelt sweaters that Nanny used to knit and just don't quite get festive compliments anymore.

**January:** PJ day will take place around exam time

**April:** Mental Health Awareness month assembly April 1<sup>st</sup>

3. **Teacher Report:** Laura Taccone – presented by John Piper

- The Inside Ride was a great success. The students raised \$14,950 for Coast-to-Coast Children's Cancer Foundation. The event was wonderfully supported by our community businesses... We received donations of over \$1500 in healthy snacks, prizes, water bottles and gifts for all participants. (not sure if you should/could share this???-Our generous donators were Walmart, Stouffville Flea market, Metro, Fusion Physiotherapy and a private parent donor who contributed \$500 for prizes.) The energy in the room was amazing and we are definitely planning next year's ride for this worthwhile cause. Dean Farrell and Josh Ogden did a fabulous job of hosting the event and making it so much fun! We had an awesome team of teachers that headed up the committees and we had so many students offer to volunteer we had to turn some away! Just amazing....
  - Next year we would love a team from our own School council to participate!
- Vimy Ridge 100th Anniversary trip to Europe in April 2017 is officially on. We are almost halfway to being sold out. For information, contact Rob Butters, Head of the History department.
- The Improv team had a training day in Mississauga last Saturday. put on by the organizers of the Canadian Improv Games. The next tournament in which we perform is in January.
- **ESP UPDATE** - Fantastic participation in this year's homeroom banner contest for Bullying Prevention Month. Banners will be posted in the cafeteria. Winning class will be getting their choice of a breakfast or pizza lunch.
  - -Students currently working on initiatives for mental health awareness month in April and distracted driving/ drug and alcohol awareness month in May.

- **QUESTION FOR PARENT COUNCIL FROM HEALTHY SCHOOL'S TEAM** - Would the parent council be interested in having YRP officers coming in and doing a presentation on drug awareness? If so, would they like for us to send out an announcement in the Spartan Speaks e-newsletter to invite others? Which month would they like it for? Answer was yes and will be at next meeting.
- **GIRLZ' NIGHT IN:**
  - -happening on March 3rd this year.
  - -This year's theme again is: Resiliency and Self-empowerment
  - -If there is anyone who knows of any companies/people who would like to donate to help run Girlz' Night In (looking for someone to help fund a hot dinner for the girls or any prizes we can put into their loot bags)

#### 4. EQAO Results: Simone Baumgartner

Results are posted on website. 60% of students in applied had better success rates than in grade 6. 87% of students in academic received level 3 (over 75%). The Literacy test is taken in grade 10. If students do not pass, they can take a course. 150 students took the after school literacy program.

5. **Principal's Items** - John Tsourounis: Mr. Wilshire is hoping to be back next semester. Exams start January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is on the website. The 29<sup>th</sup> will be used if exams are cancelled one of the days. Music night went very well and students played great.

#### 6. Questions / New business:

- Parents were concerned about drugs in the school. There have been a few instances replied Principal John but not really more than normal.
- Reid Wilshire is hoping to be back before second semester.
- Exams start Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is on the website.

Diana discussed starting a new club to do milk bag mats: It has many benefits: Will help people in need, give students the opportunity to think of someone other than themselves, benefit our environment, give students something to do at lunch if their friends don't have the same lunch period, good time to socialize and will give community hours. John Piper kindly volunteered to oversee program.

7. Motion to adjourn 8:05

**Next Meeting Dates: Tuesday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mon April 18<sup>th</sup>, Mon. June 6<sup>th</sup>**