

Thornhill Secondary School Council Meeting – March 20, 2014

1. WELCOME:

2. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

a) Review of January Minutes

Motion to approve: Darrell, Seconded: Shirley
Approved

b) Treasurer's Report

Cash in hand = \$3315.00
Allocation of Funding – vote required
Two funding options \$500 board allocation

c) Allocation of Funding

i. PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION OF \$3,315

- 2 x student awards @ \$150 each
- Staff appreciation breakfast @ \$200
- Technology support - \$2,700 towards
- Proposal to support 60th anniversary of the school @ \$100

Motion to accept SP proposal – Andy

Seconded – Darrell

Vote – carried unanimously

ii. PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION OF \$500

- Proposal to allocate full amount (\$500) towards stamps for next mailer
- Motion to accept SP proposal – Andy
- Seconded – Darrell
- Vote – carried unanimously

d) Staff Breakfast proposed for June 26

Volunteers requested

e) PROGRANT APPLICATION IDEAS

Grant value = \$1,000

Ideas discussed:

- More interactive connections with parents through Council electronic surveys
- **Grade 10** parent event to cover topics like pathways
- School improvement plan related
- Translation for ESL parents/families

f) Survey of PROGRANT speakers series

Feedback on survey's requested to be completed before end of meeting

3. BOSS REPORT

Events being planned by Student Council include:

3. Open mike night (invites students to perform) – mid April
 - Typically attendance = approx 300
 - Participants = approx 15-20
4. Supporting in the organization of 60 Anniversary event
 - Amazing Race event to engage students to allow preparation of the facility for the evening event
 - Getting current clubs involved in 60th celebrations by showcasing club activities for the alumni
 - Silent Auction
 - 60th anniversary promo viewed

4. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Earth week = April 14-18

Earth Hour – April 28th

Interim reports = out tomorrow

Parent's night = April 3, appointment forms with reports

Course verifications going out tomorrow

Positive legacy for TTS being celebrated as part of 60th anniversary

Carnival = part of the celebrations (need tent for rain- any support/connections welcomed)

UK Trip Report: (34 students) Highlight by student

- Trip exposed students to history of Europe
- Thanks to coordinator and chaperones

Ontario Literacy Test Update

- Thurs March 27, Thurs March 27, 2014
- Grade 10 students to be on time
- No allowance for lateness made in test time allotted
- Regular school day starts at 12:45 for all non-grade 10 students
- Test involves Reading Section & Writing Section
- Passing this test is an OSSD requirement
- Focus on producing Literate Graduates capable of:
 - ✓ Summarizing
 - ✓ Inferring
 - ✓ Making connections
 - ✓ Extracting explicit information

2013 Results

- Good results in 2013
- Higher than Board average for:

- Previously eligible students (PES)
- First time eligible (FTE) – Special Ed students
- Lower than Board average for:
 - First time eligible (FTE)
- Students can
 - Answer multiple choice
 - Answer short q
 - Read graphical texts
- Students need support for
 - Summarizing
 - Inferring
 - Making connections

2014 Preparation

- Literacy Room – Rm138
- School wide inter department, inter subject coordination of effort to focus on Reading, Writing and Critical thinking skills within all curriculums and subjects
- After School Literacy Program = assisting students to prep for test
- Literacy Blitzes (practice materials) in all Grade 10 classes
- Specialized literacy classes for PLE students
- Encouraging parent support in the home (e.g. through presentations to School Council)

EQAO WEBSITE:

Martha Bazos Literacy Teacher

GUIDANCE- Hera Lee

First Career Fair being run for Grade 11 with keynote speaker and panel presentations = early May
Specialist High School Major Program (SHSM)

- ✓ Province wide program (pathways program)
- ✓ Helps students build a career specific portfolio
- ✓ Applications are made in Grade 10
- ✓ Health & Wellness = current program. Approval for Sports = pending
- ✓ Take regular courses that they would otherwise take – in addition to that:
 - Projects specific to their field
 - Co-op placements
- ✓ Health & Wellness = broad umbrella area
 - Sciences, medicine, social work
- ✓ Sports
 - Business lay communication technology
- ✓ SHSM benefits:
 - Exposure/experience in fields
 - Additional Seal on Diploma

- ✓ Student Report on SHSM program
 - Exposure to field of Health & Wellness
 - Affords depth and experience
 - Qualifications/certifications available through participation
 - Helps focus course selection on appropriate subjects
 - Provides opportunity for collaboration with other students
 - Co-op available e.g. Health Centre in Richmond Hill
 - Offered exposure to specialities
 - Allowed to shadow doctors in specialty field of interest
 - Electronic medical records
 - Reach Ahead experiences (e.g. cadaver lab & kinesiology lab at University of Waterloo)
 - HPA credit was applicable as co-op credit
 - Teamwork/Trust/Leadership also provided as part of the SHSM program
 - Running club = sub group of current SHSM community

QUESTION: What other SHSM program are available through other schools

ANSWER: Health & Wellness; Business; Sports; Arts & Culture; Media

5. COMMUNITY REPORT – Adam Saperia

- Adam requested the SHSM participate in a booth at the 60th because alumni may be able to support coop activities for the program is aware.
- 60th anniversary – Friday May 30th
- Golden Star BBQ followed by carnival
- School tours
- Variety show = a revival Health's A-Popin
- Volunteer hours available to students who participate

6. OTHER BUSINESS

n/a