SCS School Council Minutes

April 26, 2023 | *6pm*

# In Attendance

Parents: Regan Karges (Chair), Jessica Martin, Sheila Porteous, Melissa Mummery

SCS Staff/Students: Jen Ippolito (Principal), Matt Malcolm (Vice Principal), Jason Dale (Teacher rep), Ron Smith (Teacher), Lily Cathcart (Student Council Prime Minister)

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved (1st: Ms. Ippolito, 2nd: Jessica)

# Student’s Council Report

Lily Cathcart, Student Council Prime Minister, provided an update on Student’s Council activities:

* Spirit Wear – delivered April 17
* Mental Health week: first week of May, there will be a resource table in hallway by office, daily announcements and social media posts
* Elections for 2023-24 council are May 11th
* Student Senate – Mr. Dale and Lily attended, meeting with other student council representatives and staff advisors in the Grand Erie District School Board to share ideas and initiatives
* Promposal competition (winner plus a random drawn couple get free prom tickets), entries posted on SCS Promposal Instagram account

# Principal’s Report

Jen Ippolito, Principal, provided the following updates:

* May 2: Track & Field (rain date: May 4)
* May 3/4: Suessification of Romeo & Juliet (buyout in afternoon for SCS students, Lynndale Public School students morning of May 3rd) and community performance May 4th at 7pm
* May 13: Spring Sale & Car Show 9am-2pm, plant and herb sales, cosmetology activities, food truck
* May 16: Student Learning Support Day, students with a credit at risk will be invited by teacher
* May 26: Prom – in SCS gym, perogy and poutine bar, tickets are $50
* May 31: Spring Concert
* June 26-28: Exam days for seniors

# Other Business

* Prom:
  + Location will be SCS gym to address issues with transportation and to maintain $50 ticket price
  + Student/parent feedback: disappointed no sit down meal as there has been in the past
  + Suggestions for next year: survey senior students to get their input for planning and fundraising to subsidize costs of hall rental and food for a more formal sit-down dinner
* Fundraising / Corporate Sponsorship
  + Mr. Smith provided list of clubs, activities that could benefit from fundraising/corporate sponsorship and requested School Council members help
  + Agreed SCS would benefit from increased community support and exposure to show the great things going on within the school
  + Discussion & suggestions for next meeting:
    1. Clarify policy and process - Mr. Smith to review policy and contact appropriate board staff to discuss
    2. Identify priority areas and define what’s being offered ie. levels of sponsorship and how the company will be recognized
    3. Increase student fee from current $40
    4. Survey in fall as part of registration package to identify community interest in supporting SCS through sponsorships
    5. Co-op placement student to manage social media, fundraising and school supporters
* Coaching Communication:
  + follow up from last meeting: Ms. Ippolito spoke with one coach about last minute changes, will discuss further with Phys. Ed. teachers, Mr. Pajor and Ms. Docxx to get more info
  + Parents requesting policy for school teams that includes:
    1. Provide schedules ahead of the season
    2. Contact parents directly and as soon as possible if there are last minute changes / additional games – teachers can request emails be sent through Office Coordinator Megan Allen
* Website management status:
  + School Council would like to be able to post the meeting minutes in a more timely fashion
  + Suggestion to post on social media approved
  + School Council Secretary will send out minutes to members for approval and then post them on SCS Parents Community Facebook page
* Pro Grant:
  + Funding to have parents/families attend SCS and make wooden flower boxes
  + Suggested time/date: 2 sessions 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m., first or second week of June
  + Ms. Ippolito will contact Ms. Nix to coordinate date and request info for social media post which Melissa offered to create
  + Invite will be sent to SCS parents and if not enough interest will send out to feeder schools

# Next Meeting

* Wednesday June 14, 2023 @ 6pm at The Arbor, Port Dover