

SCS School Council Minutes

February 28, 2024 | 6pm

In Attendance

Parents: Regan Karges (Chair), Melissa Mummery (Vice Chair), Sheila Porteous (Secretary), Sarah McIntee, Jessica Martin

School Representatives: Jen Ippolito (Principal), Matt Malcolm (Vice Principal), Jason Dale (Teacher), Maggie Baker (Student Council Prime Minister)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were approved (Motion: Melissa, 2nd: Sarah)

Student's Council Report ~ Maggie Baker, Prime Minister

Activities:

- ▶ December: candy-grams, door decorating, holiday sweaters, food drive supporting Women's Services, Semi-formal: a 'Night in the City'
- ▶ February: candy & flower -grams, free baked goodies, raffle
- ▶ March 4-8: spirit week

Ongoing:

- ▶ Student polls to increase engagement
- ▶ Social media engagement is continuously increasing
- ▶ Budgeting for end of year activity day (BBQ), council legacy project, last dance at no cost
- ▶ Funded: cookie club, new girls hockey jerseys, chess club and games lounge, soccer equipment, football equipment (helmets), music program participation in National Competition, Secret Sabres Society: students/teachers can fill out a card if they see someone in need and put it in a box in the library - staff will arrange to get the student what they need, examples: clothing, glasses, field trip

Principal's Report ~ Jen Ippolito

Guidance:

- ▶ Timetable changes went smoothly for semester 2
- ▶ Ms. Stromme visited 7 feeder schools: 152 incoming Grade 9's, 32 in Extended French
- ▶ Equity and inclusion presentation with students; working on actionable items moving forward to increase education and awareness

Provincial Testing:

- ▶ EQAO Math School Improvement Plan (SIP): goal is for 50% of our grade 9 students to achieve Level 3. As of end of semester one, 47% of SCS students earned a level 3. 3 grade 9 MTH1W classes writing in June; SIP strategies include math coaches plus PD for all teachers
- ▶ OSSLT: 70% pass rate, opportunity in April to write again for those that did not pass, course available as alternative to test

Upcoming dates:

- ▶ March: start of Library transformation into Learning Commons, renovations will take approximately a year and services usually offered in library will be available elsewhere
- ▶ March 8: SCS exhibiting at Motorama - Mr. Ernst working on 1956 VW Beetle and receiving international attention; local media is has also been covering
- ▶ April 8: PD Day
- ▶ April 10: Parent Teacher Night
- ▶ April 16: Learning Support Day

Other Business

Prom:

- ▶ May 31 @ Woodside Greens
- ▶ Catered by the Barrel Restaurant
- ▶ Fundraising with a car wash and buy-out dodgeball game to subsidize ticket cost

Graduation requirements: guidance will review and contact students to complete

- ▶ 2 e-learning credits: parents can sign exemption form
- ▶ Community hours: 40 hours, 10 hours / year of employment are eligible - form is available in guidance or on GEDSB website

Custodial cleaning

- ▶ Feedback from a parent that gym was dirty, particularly stands
- ▶ Discussion: focus is floors and changerooms to be ready for classes after rental permits are done
- ▶ Administration will follow up

PRO Grant – due March 1, 2024

- ▶ Ms. Ippolito will talk to Ms. Nix about a flower pot project at the Spring Show & Sale in May

Parent Council representative at activities:

- ▶ Grade 8 / 9 events: presentation to parents
- ▶ Registration (August): hand out information

Next Meeting

Wednesday April 24, 2023 @ 6pm