SCS School Council Minutes

November 22, 2023 | *6pm*

# In Attendance

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

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 September meeting were approved (Motion: Melissa, 2nd: Sheila)

# Student’s Council Report ~ Maggie Baker

* Funded: games room > chess team, pool cues plus $1500 to gym score board
* Hallowe’en Activities: Spirit Week, Carnival, Costume Contest (10 winners of tickets to Semi-formal)
* Remembrance Day: PA system assembly, Treats for Troops > donations from students plus a $250 contribution from Student’s Council
* Holiday activities
  + Nov. 30: decorating after school
  + Dec. 18-22: Spirit Week - different theme each day ie. holiday sweaters, pj day
  + Dec. 18: door decorating contest judging
  + Candy-grams
  + Colouring contest: Mr. Lammers has created caricature of Mr. Malcolm & Ms. Ippolito
  + Staff vs Student sports game on last day of classes before break: TBD
  + Tree on A floor for decorating
  + Food Drive: working with STAR counsellor on friendly competition between high schools
* Semi-formal: Dec. 15 in Cafeteria, theme: “A Night in the City”
* Spirit Wear: school cashonline orders closed Nov 22
* Student Senate (Nov 23): leadership for student’s council staff – discussing lowering cafeteria prices, removing Nestle products from school, making school’s more accessible

# Principal’s Report ~ Jen Ippolito

* Commencement:
  + Oct. 6: approximately 2/3 of grads attended
  + Seniors polled to ask if would prefer fall vs. spring and 2/3’s voted for fall
  + Suggestion: opportunity in spring for students not able to attend fall graduation to be celebrated-wear gown, acknowledge accomplishments
* Take Our Kid to Work Day / Grade 8 feeder school visit (Nov 1): great feedback from elementary teachers on the day
* Student Learning Support Day (Nov 7): increased numbers of students attending now open to all students
* Holiday Music Concert: Wednesday December 13
* Turkey Dinner: Thursday Dec 21; Assembly: Friday Dec 22
* Mid-term reports: electronic distribution Nov 22
* Newsletter: distributed Nov 23
* Donations:
  + The Barrel Restaurant – donated portion of proceeds from November sales to bus transportation for National Music Festival in May
  + Mr. Beal attended event to thank 100 Women Who Care for their donation: impressed with his use of the money; many plan to attend the holiday concert at his invitation
* Sponsorship secured for new hockey jerseys

# Other Business

* Concerns about teacher – parent communication:
  + Discussion around timely communication from teachers about student issues
  + Teachers are expected to communicate with parents so there are no ‘surprises’ on report cards
* Cell phones in class:
  + Discussion around whether school or board could have it’s own policy of no phones in class
  + Ministry policy: educator’s decision as to whether student’s can access phones in class, and this should be for educational use only
* Snack program:
  + Fruit or vegetable and carbohydrate offered in key locations (entrance, library) around school; set out by Lifeskills program daily
  + Suggestion: weekend program where students would get bag of food on Friday
* School trips:
  + Boston (May 2-5): Teacher supervisor -Mrs. Busk; fundraising option for this trip
  + New York (April 1-21): Teacher supervisor - Mr. Beal
  + Paris-Rome (March 2024): sold out
  + Spain & Morrocco (March 2025): 5 spots available
* Commencement for 2024 graduating class:
  + Noted that this cohort did not get Grade 8 graduation or trip due to COVID
  + Suggested school council / parents / SCS staff discuss ideas at future meetings to make it extra memorable

# Next Meeting

* Wednesday February 28, 2023 @ 6pm