



# Sherwood

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2015

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Additions to Agenda – No additions to the Agenda

#### 2. Approval of previous Minutes. Minutes are also being posted on the school website.

#### 3. Principals Report – Mr. Pratt

- Course selections have been selected for next year. We need to submit number of students projected to attend Sherwood. Those numbers are due end of March. Staffing process will follow as will the funding allocated.
- School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. It is similar to paying debit or pay pal where you can pay for trips, apparel, and sign up for sports teams. Your child won't be carrying cash or cheques to and from school. Parents will need to register an account and will be given a unique pin number that students will use throughout their whole school life. This program was piloted by two schools and feedback was positive. All schools will eventually have it. Information outlining this will be sent home. Information is also posted on the school website. This makes it safer and more efficient for everyone by reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into the school. Parents will still have the option to send cash or cheque for school related expenses.
- Planning committee was in today and the plan is to alter Sherwood to meet the specifications of a brand new school. This will be a long term project lasting approximately ten years. Renovations will begin in the cafeteria as it is not big enough. The kitchen will be expanded and made handicap accessible. Exterior windows of school will also be redone. Phase two will be to relocate the library to create more learning commons area, media room and seminar area with appropriate technology. Phase three will be the Science labs and then the Tech programs. Mr. Pratt will ask the Planning committee for the drawings to share with this committee. School climate will be planning a kick off assembly to inform community in the hopes of building a better positive climate around these changes. During these changes it is expected we will use school classrooms for as long as we can with portables being the long term plan.

- Reminder of the Parents Reaching out Grant. Last year we were given half of what we applied for and used it towards the presentation around social media. Grant needs to go towards something that will engage parents. If anyone has any ideas for this grant please let Lynn know.
- Exam timetable will be similar to the January schedule. Exams will start on Thursday June 18 for all students except the grade 12's who will start it on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Fundraising committee is working to establish a Nathan Cirillo award. There is also a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee being established. Mr. Pratt will send the contact information for that committee if anyone is interested.

#### 4. Student Council report – L Hicks

- Many sports teams are wrapping up their season
- Main focus of Student council now will be organizing Prom. Prom is Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at Marquis Gardens in Ancaster. Graduation is June 25 at the Grand Olympia at 4 pm. Graduation information is on the school website. A representative from the Grad committee will attend next school council meeting to give update.
- Sherwood's Got Talent, Spirit day are coming up in March. Plan is to have the last Friday of the month as Spirit day
- School climate council met today and is looking at how we can improve school morale and how to get students involved. They are also looking at arranging an assembly to discuss the updates around the revitalization project at Sherwood.
- Social Justice and Student Council committees are working together for Bully awareness day on April 8, 2015. Students are encouraged to wear pink to support anti bullying.
- April 14, 2015 is National Autism day and students are encouraged to wear red.

#### 5. French Immersion Update – M Hudson

- Total of 45 students enrolled in the program. Staffing process will be the same and will follow staff timelines and collective agreement. Department head still needs to be chosen. Transition events are being planned and some have already happened. Still waiting for the report from facilities regarding the renovations and what updates will need to be done. Once we have final numbers we can then start ordering supplies and resources needed including resources for the library.

*Next meeting: Tuesday May 5, 2015 6:30 pm in the Library*