

Saltfleet District High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

In Attendance:

- Kevin Graham - Principal, SDHS
- Darlette Seymour - School Council Chair
- Ann Tyrrell - Public Health Nurse
- Brock University education students
- Shirley Glauser - current Board Trustee
- Parents: Karen, Heather, Peter, Christine, Ina, Lee

Student Parliament:

- There were no student parliament members in attendance

Public Health Nurse Update (Ann Tyrrell):

- HAT (Health Action Team) is still working on a campaign to make sure regulation is put into place regarding E-cigarettes (*Mr. Graham mentioned that they are banned in school, and students using them in school will receive the same consequences as if they were smoking traditional cigarettes*)
- HAT is also focussing on healthy eating, and active living this year, as well as beginning an education piece on toxic make up

Chair Report (Darlette Seymour):

- Darlette is willing to sit as chair again this year. Lori (who was co-chair last year) feels she may not be able to consistently help this year, due to work commitments, so if there is anyone who would like to be co-chair, please email saltfleetschoolcouncil@gmail.com
- Our minute recorder from last year also may not be able to be at every meeting, so a new recorder is necessary. The suggestion was made that it doesn't need to be the same person each month, and members can each take minutes as they feel able. Thank you to Christine for stepping up this month.

Principal's Report (Mr. Kevin Graham)

- The evening began with a tour of all the construction areas at Saltfleet. The concrete ramp at the North end of the school (between the gyms and fields) is currently under construction, due to compromised and crumbling concrete on the original structure. Expected completion date is the week after Thanksgiving (about Oct. 14)
- The bleachers are also under repair
- The football field, which was deemed "unsafe for use" by a football ref in 2010, is slated to be replaced summer 2015. Up for debate is whether it will be artificial or natural turf.
- The footings and footprint of the new addition are in place. Construction is on schedule for the addition to be open January 2015
- There is an annual "Funny Money" talk to be held for grade 11 & 12 students on Thursday, September 25. This talk is to raise financial awareness for students as they transition from secondary to post-secondary life

Other Business:

- One parent opened a discussion about teen/student/parent mental awareness & well being. It was suggested that we bring in one or several professionals to talk with students.
- Shirley Glauser has been filling the position of school Trustee for a 15-month term. This will end in October, and she has elected not to run. A suggestion was made to invite municipal candidates to address our next council meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 23/15 (directly following parent/teacher interviews)