

Sherwood Secondary School Council Minutes: February 9, 2016

Welcome by School Council Chairs Alison DeMelo and Jennifer Clarke

Minutes taken by Fariha Woolvett

Approval of December 2015 minutes (posted on school website)

Principal Report by John Forbeck:

-Mr. Forbeck is filling in for Mr. Pratt until approximately March Break. He is a former Principal, Superintendent and Director of Education, as well as a former Sherwood grad.

-Semester 2 started last Thursday, February 4. The Principal is tightening up routines regarding lunchtime. This has been working well.

-Timetable updates - Phys Ed and Music can be offered together for Spec Ed students. Music Repertoire can also be offered. Some grade 8 students are reaching ahead for certain courses. Reports go home on February 11.

Teacher's Report by Jackie Brown:

-The Boys hockey team is in the city championships on February 18 at Mountain Arena, with the possibility of a spirit rally before the big game!

-The winter semi-formal took place last Thursday, with 177 students attending.

-Playoffs for volleyball and basketball are taking place. Other sports happening now are water polo, badminton and junior football.

-Gym C is up and running and looks beautiful!

-Option Sheet assemblies take place over the next two days: Grades 9-10 on Wednesday, February 10 and Grades 11-12 on Thursday, February 11. Then students will go into the computer lab the week of the 23rd to enter their course selections. Parents can go into Career Cruising ahead of time with their child to enter these as well.

-Some staff members were being in-serviced on Safe Talk Suicide Awareness during turn around days last week.

-MAAD presentation will take place in the gyms for the whole school on Tuesday March 22.

-Interview night for second semester will be on March 23.

-Grade 10 students will write the Literacy test on March 31.

-Teachers will visit grade 10 classrooms to provide feedback.

-Literacy scores increased by 8% last year in Sherwood!

Student Council Report by Sylvie (grade 12 student):

-Sylvie holds a position on the Senate.

-Sherwood held a successful semi-formal at Carmen's Banquet Centre.

-There will be a pep rally at the school in the gym on the 18th of February at 10:15 am.

-Cupcake fundraiser will be on Feb 29 with proceeds going to the SPCA.

-Sherwood's Got Talent will take place on the day before March Break.

Facilities Update:

- The Board collected data for a feasibility study of Sherwood for the Finance and Facilities Committee. This was discussed by some trustees and then presented to the other trustees.
- Various options have been presented, including extensive renovations or the possibility of building a new school on site. These will be looked at and discussed, coupled with a submission to the Ministry for funding.
- The Board had a report passed to keep Sherwood; now it needs to rely on Ministry funding.
- By April 2016 there should be some direction as to what will happen to Sherwood.
- Asbestos removal is a priority, whether to remove or to build a new school. This might help the submission to the Ministry.
- Science labs need to be updated for the students.
- There was a commitment to save Sherwood in the past. Other schools have been revitalized without major discussions. The question is why is Sherwood being singled out as a school that can no longer be revitalized?
- We need to know if Sherwood will be staying on site. School Council and the community are very concerned about and frustrated with the many promises and the lack of research into the possibility of being able to build a new school.
- During the ARC process, there was discussion about recap numbers (numbers to bring secondary schools in line with the facility requirements of the secondary program strategy). The number for Sherwood was \$5,875,760 in 2007. In 2011, the number went up to \$29,197,331. Now the number is over 35 million dollars.
- Sherwood community likes the present building and would like the Board to come to our next meeting (to be scheduled as soon as possible) with options for this scenario.
- February 22 at 6pm Board office: Board meeting to take place with the possibility of discussion on the subject of Sherwood.

Next meeting will be announced soon. Sherwood School Council will be contacting Board members and trustees and requesting their presence at our next meeting as soon as possible with questions and answers regarding the future of Sherwood. Please refer to the school website, twitter and the electronic school sign for more information.