



# Sherwood

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes – May 5, 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

- Some students are being asked to come to the Guidance department regarding their course selections. With some numbers being down some courses has been cancelled and students are being asked to choose another option. Timetables are being built currently.
- A copy of the culminating final evaluation schedule has been sent out and is on the school website.
- The school will be shut down over the summer months for the revitalization project.

#### 4. Staff Report – J Brown

- Grade 12 Prom is May 14, 2015. Letters were sent in the mail detailing Prom and Graduation which will be held at the Grand Olympia on Thursday June 25, 2015.
- Athletic banquet is June 11, 2015 at Carmens. Staff is looking at changing the format of the banquet. As it stands students are the only attendees and the Physical Education department is looking to possibly change it next year so that parents and/or family can attend. Input from Parent Council is appreciated.
- Art and Music night is Thursday June 4, 2015 in the auditorium.

#### 5. Student Council Report – L Hicks

- The main focus of student council has been positive school climate and trying to make the school climate more positive. Open forum was held today with approximately 40-50 students asking for their input on what they like and don't like. Data will be collected and analyzed and will be shared with students on May 9, 2015.
- Council will be holding a Harveys bbq on May 21 or 22 – tbd.

- Some sports teams are still going on and SAC had a farewell party for Mr. Teufel who is currently off and will be undergoing cancer treatment.
- The Repertoire band is back from Boston and their trip was very successful. These students were amazing ambassadors for Sherwood.
- Ms Church is collecting change in classrooms for Nepal.
- Social Justice is holding a bake sale and all proceeds will be given to the Red Cross.
- Spirit days are the last Friday of the months. Rock t-shirt day and Sport Jersey day are upcoming.

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

- Jackie Oliver has been appointed the Head of the French Immersion Department. Ms Oliver is a former student and teacher of Sherwood and we congratulate her on her new position.
- 55 students are registered for the FI program to date
- Amazing 8's to Saints will take place on Wednesday May 27, 2015. This involves all Grade 8 students that will be attending Sherwood in the Fall and is a day planned of team building activities and lots of other fun activities for the students to help them transition to Sherwood.
- Resources for the FI program will start being purchased now that the Head of the Department has been chosen
- A plan for a "Welcome day" on the Wednesday before school starts is being looked at for all students not just the FI students.
- Acknowledgement that Sherwood has been working very hard to make students feel welcome.

#### 7. Positive school climate – Lynn Hicks

- The Board has centralized meetings is asking for student input. Next meeting is May 14, 2015.
- Students who came from Hillpark are doing much better in Semester 2 and are feeling more welcome.

#### 8. Announcements

- May 12, 2015 7-9 pm, LGBTQ meeting for parents at the Education centre. Check the Board website for information.
- May 14, 2015 4-8pm, Growth Community Social at Sir Winston Churchill.
- Parent Involvement Committee at the Board is looking for new members. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

9. Sherwood Revitalization Project – Invited Guests Superintendent Laura Romano and Dan Del Bianco, Senior Facilities Planner

- The direction by the Trustees was to put a plan together for the older schools that are staying. A total of 65 million is available for 11 schools and 2 new schools. Funding is from the Ministry and there will be 3 architect teams taking on 3 schools each.
- During the summer the following things will be worked on, the flooring in the third gym, the parking lot and entrance and exterior windows and doors.
- Inside work with abatement will be done next summer
- The challenge is the asbestos in the building especially on the second floor.
- They are trying to coordinate a plan that has minimal disruption for students and staff as well as not having to use too many portables. Student/Staff safety is the priority.
- Ancaster and Sherwood are the first schools to be done. The funds have been committed to these schools and the renovations will be done in phases.
- There will be portables on site but they are trying to keep them to a minimum.
- Short term and long term plans are still being developed. There is no definite timeline. When the plans are finalized they will be shared with this committee.

*Next meeting: TBD in October 6:30 pm in the Library*