

# Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Nancy Lewis called November meeting of 2103 to order at 6:35pm, welcoming everyone.

## **In Attendance:**

Principal G. Cooke, Vice Principal E. Wilkie, Teacher Rep. T. Behiel, Student Rep. Will Redgate, Chair Nancy Lewis, J. Clarke, W. Burley, L. Hicks, G. Chiahotny, N. LaForet, K. Kennedy-Brown, B. Zaman.

REGRETS: M. Hudson

## **Reports:**

### **1. Principal's report- Mr. G. Cooke**

- November's monthly calendar shared
- New hallway of hero's – down History hall.
- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> awards presentation & Grade 9 take your kid to work day
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance day assembly 10-11:10am everyone welcome
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> photo re-take, Mr. Cooke reviewing company for photos
- Week beginning Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Parent Information Night 6-8pm
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Michalangelo's event- What can parent's do to prevent underage drinking 7-9pm
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Mid-semester report cards go home
- Gr 12 workshops- gambling, social media, financial planning  
Safer Social Media- speaker Chris Vollum

## ATHLETICS

- Football- rules in place regarding # practices before you can play- Sherwood had to forfeit game due to this rule
- Snr. Girls Basket ball Semi's Thursday
- Snr. Boys Volley Ball Semi's Wednesday
- Girl's hockey- Sherwood had to pull out due to NO goalie
- South Boundaries Proposal. Mr. Cooke shared paper data. Discussion around these boundaries took place.

## 2. Vice- Principal Report- Ms. Wilkie

- Anti Bullying Awareness- Daily announcements, Random acts of kindness- thinking of bringing this back with prize draw positive messages throughout school (art work)
- Health & Safety- some concerns in tech shop. School gets things repaired as instructed by Ministry Of Labour
- November  
Literacy month  
Stop, drop & read 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> full school, 15 mins at end of period 1 students read, get caught reading , get a ballot for draw, \$25  
Chapters Indigo card, each week
- Remembrance Day , father & son team Sam & Steve Gardina
- Mid-sem. report cards – student reflection piece will be done in home room
- Creating Pathways to Success- new- ministry program.  
kindergarten – Gr.12  
Gr 7,8, 10 Board has 3year implementation plan Every school to develop progress plan. Parent engagement critical piece.Portfolio  
"All About Me" kept for each student

### **3. Staff Report- Ms. T. Behiel**

- Cosmatology class offering free hair cut & manicure- Thursday's at lunch
- Athletic clothing sale-done
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** feeder schools floorball tournament
- Chapter's night Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> library fundraiser
- Nov.22<sup>nd</sup> library trivia contest
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Santa Claus Parade -School band

### **4. Student Report- W. Redgate**

- 3 part food drive  
classroom  
haunted hallway  
Halloween Night- gathered food in neighbourhoods  
collected 5,700lbs of food- giving to Living Rock
- Music- sold chocolate almonds to raise \$ for New York trip
- Movember- health council selling moustache – can sponsor “Saints Moustaches” online
- -Pink tshirt sale for Anti bullying week of 18<sup>th</sup>
- Rake fest Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am
- Art Murals in hallway
- Student council still exploring dances, last week of Xmas or Valentine's

### **5. Open issues**

- Plant & Safety
- discussion arose around heating –cooling system

-Girl's bathroom, concerns about lack of cleaning & receptacles full/overflowing. Mr. Cooke will bring up at weekly meeting with custodian

## **6. New Business**

- discussion of social media concerns

## **Meeting Ajournd**

## **Next meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> in School Library**

Mr Cooke asked that this was added to the minutes.

## **SafeTALK**

SafeTALK is a workshop designed to increase a community's suicide awareness and sensitivity. It is not intervention training but a first responder training. SafeTALK provides participants with the skills and confidence to respond to people with thoughts of suicide and create an awareness of how those thoughts manifest in some identifiable behaviours. Through open and direct talk about suicide SafeTALK trained participants will have the ability to refer the person with thoughts to an appropriate Community Support Worker. Early recognition of thoughts of suicide and quick referral to help is paramount to creating a suicide safer community. The workshop is approximately 3hrs in length providing information and empowerment to its participants through questioning modelling and some role play rehearsal.

