

Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2015

1. Welcome: by Jennifer Clarke and Alison DeMelo, School Council Co-chairs

2. Student Council Report by Victoria DePaulo

-Halloween dance: This would take place on Thursday October 29 from 6:30-10:00 pm, providing at least 100 tickets are sold by end of lunch on Tuesday. Cost is \$5 a ticket.

-Haunted Hallway: This is during the last two periods on October 30, with a cost of \$2 as well as canned food donations.

-Students can collect canned goods on the night of Halloween.

-There may be a Halloween film next week during lunch.

3. Teacher's Report by J. Brown

- The boys' baseball team will play in the semi-finals on October 21 and the championship game will take place next week.

-Junior boys volleyball will take place on Friday October 23.

-Phys Ed clothing sale: Samples will be ready with an order sheet this week. There will be men's and women's sizes and this is a big fundraiser for the Phys Ed department.

-Interviews will take place on Thursday October 22 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

-Literacy initiative will continue this year. There will be a display on Interview Night for parents to see.

-Take Your Kids to Work Day will take place on Wednesday November 4.

-IPads: They have been re-imaged and teachers are trying to incorporate them as much as possible in the classroom.

4. Principal's Report by B. Pratt

-Enrolment is at 1026 students. We are over our projected enrolment. We may have increased staffing for second semester.

-Awards Assembly: Students were recognized for the achievements as honours standing or subject award winner. The Cirillo family was also in attendance and a special award was presented in Nathan Cirillo's name.

- A Special Life-Saver award was presented to a student who was able to save his father suffering from a heart attack using CPR training learned in his physical education class.

-November 17: Grade 8 Information Night. There will be a presentation from 6:00-8:00 pm.

-November 19: Students will be receiving their mid-term report.

-Ring Days are October 26 and 27. Picture Re-takes will be on November 12.

-Revitalization Update: There is a delay with the gym revitalization of approximately one month. There is an accessible washroom and windows will be done by the end of December. Main entrance doors will also be replaced within the next few months. An electronic sign will also be installed, but the location is still being determined.

-There are 49 students enrolled in the French immersion program. Over the next 10 years, the projected enrolment will be over 500 students. French immersion students are adapting well to the courses in Sherwood.

-Job Action: Custodial staff cannot sweep the halls. Students are becoming more respectful of their garbage. Washrooms are still being cleaned and stocked as part of their daily custodial duties. Office administrators are also in job action. They will not photocopy or update website. They will not call students out of class. Registrations are also part of struck work. It is not business as usual, but the staff and students are patient with the process.

-Next week, colleges are coming to Sherwood to discuss postsecondary education at their institution.

5. French Immersion Report by S. Ferney

-Last year there was a forum about student interests. This data will be further analyzed and students will reflect about their academic achievements and social interactions. Grade 9 students will write a self-reflection and possibly share with grade 8 French immersion students.

-October 26: French immersion students will meet with staff and consultants about their French immersion experiences.

-November 10 at 4:30 pm: There will be a meeting with the French Immersion Transition Group. Any interested French immersion parents who would like to attend should contact School Council or the school.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday December 1 at 6:30 pm in Sherwood Park Library/Commons Room. Please come out to hear what is going on 😊