

Sherwood School Council Meeting:
Wednesday March 30, 2016

Approval of School Council Minutes for February

Principal Report by Mr. Pratt:

- Welcome back to Mr. Pratt who is very glad to be back at Sherwood.
- The Grade 10 OSSLT will take place on March 31. All morning, every high school writes at the same time on the same day. Students should come prepared to write the test and leave phones in backpacks. Students in grade 9 will be writing a practice test with a similar format as the grade 10 test. There will be regular classes in the afternoon. There has been a huge improvement in literacy scores at Sherwood
- Graduating students should submit their community hours as the deadline is this Friday April 1.
- The MADD assembly took place at Sherwood.
- Bandfest: all schools within system will visit Sherwood and take part in the music competition.
- April 15: Board-wide elementary and secondary PA day
- Parent teacher interviews took place last week. There were positive reviews of the online sign-up.
- April 28: Mid-term reports will come home.
- May 3 from 7-9 pm: A Mental Health symposium will take place at Sherwood with keynote speakers HWDSB Director Manny Figueiredo and Dr. Bruce Ferguson.
- Grade 11 students have a deadline of May 9 to withdraw from courses.
- June 28 is Graduation Day.
- Students need to ensure they return verification of courses sheets as soon as possible. School organization and timetabling for next year will begin soon.
- Grade 8 visits have been made to schools and Sherwood will be planning transition activities for these students.

Superintendent Report by Jamie Nunn:

- Superintendent of Family of Schools 3
- Former teacher at Sherwood
- Welcomed Chair Todd White and Trustee Kathy Archer

School Revitalization Report by Chair Todd White:

- Mr. White gave an update on the school revitalization of all secondary schools including Sherwood.
- The Board is working towards a clear plan to be in place by end of June.
- The Board envisioned 3 main composite schools for Hamilton mountain: Sherwood, Henderson and Macnab. The Board planned to invest in these schools to make sure they are all equally strong.
- The Board's goal is to look into ways to revitalize all 13 secondary schools, by possibly using 27 million from Henderson funds to invest in 13 secondary schools.

- It is difficult to do all in 5 years; therefore, the Board has decided to re-look at all 13 schools with conservative budgets and timelines.
- Money for repairs and maintenance are being put aside to look at plans to benefit students.
- Possible funds are 11 million each year for 5 years to invest in all 13 secondary schools (some schools may not need as much as other schools).
- There are 5 components to invest in. Science labs, field revitalization, and student learning commons have been established, 2 of which being discussed are tech labs and gym floors.
- Asbestos in Sherwood: A feasibility study was done by the Board. 37.5 million dollars is needed to completely rebuild Sherwood, more than the cost of a new school.
- The Board will look at their plan of the 5 components for revitalization of secondary schools. They will inform the public of their plan by June.
- The Board did request Ministry funding for a new Sherwood. The school meets the criteria for funding of a new school – expect to receive announcements in the spring but could be announced in the fall.
- According to Chair White, Sherwood will not close.

Please visit the following link to learn more about the HWDSB secondary school revitalization plan.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/revitalization/>

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday May 17, 2016 at 6:30pm in the library. See you there!