

St. Stephen's Secondary Catholic School
School Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 08, 2008

Present: Sheeran Rush-Jeanes, Laura Pomfret, Diane Renaud, Susan Drever, Anita Fegan, Valerie McCormick, Monica Hurley, Shannon Everest, Michelle Heffernan, Tanya Berezuk, Kayleen Peters, Madison Kozak,

Regrets: Jackie

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm

a) **Opening prayer: Suzie Drever**

b) **Approval of Agenda: Laura Pomfret 1st, Valerie McCormick 2nd, All in favour.**

c) **Approval of minutes first by Shannon, 2nd by Anita. All in favour.**

Presentation done by Tanya and Michelle for Student Success. Student Success is a government initiative implemented to keep students in school and have them graduate. Michelle and Tanya explained their roles with the Student Success program and explained the percentages of students who are now achieving credits. Anyone who is interested in finding out more information in regards to the Student Success initiatives should contact the school for more information.

2. Reports:

a) **Chairperson Report: Laura Pomfret and Suzie Drever**

- Valerie to review policies for next meeting
- \$500.00 awarded by the Reaching Out Program

b) **Treasurer Report: Anita Fegan**

- New balance for council account \$627.56
- Parent council account \$1,297.21 This amount includes the \$500.00 from the reaching out program and there is \$10.00 to add to this amount for uniform sales.
- Anita will now be looking after uniform sales.

c) **Student Council Report: Kayleen Peters (Co-Chair) & Madison Kozak (Minister of Social Affairs)**

- 12 days of Christmas- present drive underway for the Bethesda House.
- Leadership programs are on the agenda
- Candy grams will be available for Christmas
- Christmas semi-formal on December 11th from 7-10. Cost is \$7.00 at the door and if students bring in a food donation they will get in for \$5.00

- The theme for the dance is White Christmas
- Dress down day is December 19/08.
- Assembly to take place on Friday December 19th.

d) Staff Report: Monica Hurley

- St. Stephen's chaplain organizing a neighbourhood food drive.
- Advent liturgy to take place on December 12th.
- Mr. Sheridan organizing the school play "Pride & Prejudice"
- Dates for the play to run are May 7-8 Thursday May 14, and Friday May 15th.

e) Principal Report: Sheeran Rush-Jeanes

- Sheeran gave information about the plans for the new addition
- Breaking ground to take place, possibly within the week
- Goal for completion will be Sept/2009
- Safe school mandates were discussed
- Community Police Officer came in and discussed with the students about safe schools
- The students were also presented with internet awareness for the grade tens. Healthy relationships for the grade elevens, drinking and driving for the grade twelves will be presented this year.
- School to have a Bullying Awareness Assembly
- There will also be bullying workshops
- Sheeran discussed the various funds that are available for literacy and numeracy programs. There will be also be various resources available to support student success.
- Father Peter celebrating the advent liturgy
- St. Stephen's also hosted a football celebration and recognition. This project celebrated students and players in relation to the sport.

F) Parish Report:

- Christmas concert to take place on Sat. Dec. 21/08
- Time is 7:00
- \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids

g) New Business:

- Nothing to report at this time

h) Canadian Parents for French- (CPF)

- French classes available every Wednesday
- Cost to be determined
- Inquiry being made to have Guy Charette teach the class

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. First by Anita, Second by Diane and All in favour.
Minutes prepared by: Diane Renaud