

St. Stephen's Secondary School

School Council "Year at a Glance" for 2007-2008

- ❖ School Council members were present for Parent-Teacher evenings in the fall and spring. We sold 50/50 tickets for our School Council; as well school uniforms (donated) were sold during these two evenings by students who earned Community hours.
- ❖ Presentations at Council Meetings: **Joanne Spoelstra** - (Literacy Initiatives)
Monica Hurley - (EQAO)
Michelle Heffernan - (Student Success)
- ❖ Council provided funds for treats (made by Michelle Heffernan) for the Grade 10 Literacy Test Day.
- ❖ Council Members attended the Healthy School Presentation at St. Elizabeth's School.
- ❖ Donated funds for Graduation (June 2008)
- ❖ Mickey Cryderman and Laura Pomfret attended the OAPCE Conference in Hamilton the weekend of April 25th, 2008. Our Board paid for four persons to attend. (Two from Peterborough/two from the Lakeshore). The weekend theme was "Weaving the Catholic Partnership". Keynote speaker was Dick O'Brien, who spoke on "Raising Resilient Children", which was excellent. Workshops included- "Keeping Hope Alive In Catholic Schools"/"Unleashing Greatness In Teenagers" (Laura attended)...and "Teen Girls And Self Esteem"/"Five Career Concepts All Families Need To Practice" (Mickey attended). Information from this Conference is available on-line.
- ❖ Council requested a wish-list from teachers, and received a request from the Music Dept. for a Digital Recorder. Council voted on and approved to purchase this item. Thank-you card from Erin Harris was received.
- ❖ Attended Catholic School Chairs Appreciation Dinner/Ceremony in Peterborough on May 13th, 2008.
- ❖ Applied for, and received Parent Reaching Out Grant (\$1,000.00). The Ministry had to know what the money would be used for at your school, therefore the application was sent to have a guest speaker for parents on the topic of **Bullying**. We successfully contacted, and had renowned author/speaker Barbara Coloroso come to our school on June 2, 2008. Sister School Councils were contacted to help off-set the fee for Barbara Coloroso, and they all agreed to donate funds from their Councils to make this feasible. The night was well received, and many enjoyed her main topic –"Bullying", which is a huge concern for parents/schools.
- ❖ Motion passed for \$300.00 to be used for Graduation June 2008.