

SLSS Parent Council Meeting

September 15, 2008

<p>Present: Debra Derlick Lynn Avidan Nicola McDonald Linda Behr Lily Lukic Alison Williams Myrna Benderoff</p>	<p>Staff: Carol Diamond Sam Spataro Mark Serapiglia</p>	<p>Regrets: Riza Axelrod</p>
<p>Agenda Item</p>		<p>Action</p>
<p>Council Executive</p>	<p>Chair - TBD Co-Chair – TBD Treasurer – Nicola McDonald Secretary – Linda Behr</p>	<p>Secret ballot election for Chair and Co-Chair positions to be held next meeting.</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st day of school, only Gr. 9's attended. Welcome program was a great success. ▪ 2nd day, all students attended. ▪ Sept. 18th - Honour Roll breakfast for 2nd semester of 2007\08 (Honour Roll breakfast for 1st semester will be held in February) ▪ Code Red drills will take place the week of Sept. 22nd. ▪ Sept. 23rd – Grade 9's at Camp Robin Hood for bonding and leadership program. ▪ Sept. 25th – Terry Fox Run ▪ Sept. 25th – Curriculum night for gr. 9 parents 7:00pm ▪ Sept. 25th – Scholarship application workshop held by guidance to assist students in navigating the numerous scholarships available. (lunch time) ▪ Sept. 26th – Staff training – PA Day ▪ Oct. 3rd – Picture retake day ▪ Oct. 6th – Progress reports sent home ▪ Nov. 5th – Take your kids to work day (gr. 9's) ▪ Nov. 5th – Gr. 8's will come for the day to become acquainted with the school as part of transition activities that will take place throughout the year. ▪ Nov. 7th – Mid term report cards will be sent home. 	

	<p>Due to Board wide computer program changes, and enrolment beyond staffing allocation, timetable changes were necessary for students of all grades. Guidance staff has been working tirelessly to rectify all timetable issues. To date, all students requiring assistance have been seen once. New hires are planned this week to alleviate some of the issues encountered due to the number of students enrolled. Letters to go home to students whose timetables will change.</p>	
Student Success Forms	<p>These forms are used by teachers to teach students that they are accountable for the work assigned and supported if they need assistance. If a deadline for an assignment cannot be met by a student, the student has the ability to negotiate a fair and reasonable new deadline to have work completed. If the new deadline agreed upon is not met, nor re-negotiated ahead of time, a mark of zero can be given for that assignment.</p>	
Funding for Translation services	<p>\$1000 grant was received and must be used for translation services. Russian and Hebrew would be priority languages required, followed by Korean Basic school policies; Attendance, Dress Code and Safe Schools documents</p>	Debra to contact Lois Babcock, a translator who may have connections to help us stay within budget.
Urban and Priority High Schools Grant	<p>SLSS will be applying for a Ministry grant of between 200K and 500K. 4 schools are eligible. Proposal deadline is the end of September. If we receive the grant, funds can be put toward the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At risk students – alternative learning ▪ Student support centre ▪ Breakfast program ▪ Social Workers ▪ E.A Hiring 	<p>Carol will gather statistics for our community as part of the proposal submission. Alison will sign her name to the proposal as the Parent Council representative.</p>
Social Worker in the school	<p>Currently SLSS has a social worker that comes ½ day per week from JF&CS. The cost has been covered by YRDSB. It was discussed that it would be beneficial to have another ½ day serviced by a social worker from another agency. If we are chosen to be recipient of the Urban Schools Grant, we discussed the possibility</p>	

	fundraising to offset the cost.	
Microwaves	<p>There is currently one microwave available for student use in the cafeteria. Due to the increased number of students, additional microwaves would be appreciated.</p> <p>Student volunteers can sign up to clean the microwaves for community service hours.</p>	Offers to donate microwaves: Alison, Lynn and Linda
Library Deputation	<p>Debra updated new attendees on the library deputation process.</p> <p>The next Library Deputation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th, at 7:00 pm at the Bathurst Resource Library</p>	Debra will give an update at the next meeting.
Future Meeting Dates	<p>All meetings are scheduled for Monday evenings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ October 20th, 2008 ▪ November 17th, 2008 ▪ January 12th, 2009 ▪ February 9th, 2009 ▪ March 9th, 2009 ▪ April 20th, 2009 ▪ May 11th, 2009 ▪ June 8th, 2009 	
Items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vote for Chair and Co-Chair positions ▪ Translation document update ▪ Urban Grant update ▪ Commencement committee to be started ▪ Update on Career Day - Are we going to proceed? 	