

# Stephen Lewis Secondary School

## Minutes of School Council Meeting March 17, 2008

Present: Linda Behr, Mark Serapiglia, Glen Babcock, Riza Axelrod, Lily Lukic, Alisson Williams, Debra Frank, Carol Diamond

Regrets: Sam Spataro, Paul Fitzerman

#	Topic	Discussion	Follow up
1	Minutes reviewed	Approved by Riza and Linda	
2	Principal's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Schools: Ministry policy is now changed. The policy focuses on preventative measures and alternatives to suspension. YRDSB already has some in place prior to the policy. <b>Mitigating circumstances</b> must always be considered, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ harassment issues</li> <li>○ racially motivated acts</li> <li>○ consideration of the long term or negative impact of a suspension</li> <li>○ access program has to be in place for suspensions over 5 days</li> <li>○ look at alternatives to suspension</li> <li>○ everything is discretionary</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Carol also reports suspensions can be a result of incidents <b>off</b> school property if it impacts the school staff/students. She talked about how restorative approaches fit in.</p> <p>Mark walked through the process of when a student is brought to the office for an incident.</p> <p>Assemblies: Dramatic presentation to exemplify being late for class, handing work in late, and not picking up garbage in the cafeteria....followed this up with a student survey and action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Second Chance</u></b> protocol form reviewed</li> </ul> <p>Literacy Test - March 27 literacy test process reviewed. There is much preparation going on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year grade 9's will be the only grade</li> </ul>	

		<p>in school on the first day –special activities planned and council will help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-formal was a success</li> <li>• Beginning to think about graduation</li> <li>• Wake-a-thon to take place Apr. 11, 2008</li> </ul>	
3	Money for translation	<p>Council received money to contribute to translation services. Riza suggests that there could be slogans in different languages posted. Carol suggests that we may have translation service in the school . Alisson suggests that there should be a package that is available in the designated languages. The student success form should also be translated. A preliminary committee was formed and will meet (Debra, Allison, Carol, Glenn)</p>	Committee will report at next meeting
4	Graduation	<p>Carol suggests that for next year, council should start thinking about award sponsors and other aspects they would like to include in graduation. Subcommittee should be formed</p>	
5	Career Day	<p>It was suggested that SLSS have a career day. On Apr 4, a subcommittee will meet (Alison, Ryza, Linda, Carol) –</p>	Will report back to council
6	School play/ art showcase	<p>Mark reports that school play will be June 11, 12 and Art Showcase may be on June 5.</p>	
7	Next Meeting	<p>May 12, 2008</p>	