

SLSS Parent Council Meeting		October 20 , 2008
Present: Alison Williams Natalia Shibko Riza Axelrod Myrna Benderoff Lily Lukic Linda Behr Paul Fitzerman Nora Lipfeld Terry Liu Marva Hinds Clare Chen	Staff: Carol Diamond Ken Shigeishi Goldi Barac Mark Serapiglia Mary Perin Joel Hertz – Trustee (Vaughan, Area 2- Wards 4&5)	Regrets: Lynn Avidan Nicola McDonald Debra Derlick
Agenda Item		
Council Executive	Co-Chairs, Riza Axelrod and Alison Williams were elected by secret ballot.	
GSA- Gay Straight Alliance	Mary Perin presented information on the GSA group that has been started at SLSS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SLSS is the 21st school in York Region to have a GSA group, and currently there are 12 members. ▪ GSA focuses on raising awareness and tolerance of people’s differences focusing on the right of inclusivity for all members of our community. ▪ GSA ties directly into SLSS’s Anti-Bullying and Tribes programs. Events to be held in the Spring: Day of Silence and International Day Against Homophobia.	
Pathways Information	Goldi Barac, Head of Guidance presented information regarding Pathways programs available to our students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grade 10 - Careers course focuses on student’s interests and abilities to assist them in creating a plan toward career choice. ▪ Grade 11- Computer labs available to research college, university and workplace options ▪ Post Secondary Pathways presentations are being held during lunch for any students interested in attaining information from local colleges and universities. ▪ Thursday, November 13th @ Alexander Mackenzie H.S. 7-9 pm – An evening of information about post secondary options from Ontario Apprenticeships, Colleges and Universities. Guidance makes every effort to alleviate students’ anxiety by providing step by step assistance and handouts, and meetings with parents to help navigate through the choices before them. We have begun our process for College and University Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lists of questions that can be asked at University/College sessions. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Walk through the application process for University/College/ Apprenticeship programs. ▪ Deadline for University applications – January 14, 2009 ▪ Deadline for College applications – February 2, 2009 ▪ Assisting students with finding and applying for scholarships. ▪ A scholarship committee has been set up to determine school nominees for scholarships. <p>Grad e-mail has been set up to send information directly to students re: application info, deadlines, reminders etc.</p>
Trustee Report	<p>Joel Hertz's, Trustee, Community Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wednesday, October 29th – School Council Forum West, to be held at SLSS. Evening will include dinner, seminars and breakout sessions. ▪ Thornhill Woods Park recently opened. ▪ Ohr Menachem Park to be opening soon. ▪ Community Centre is scheduled to open November 2009. Carol Diamond and Superintendent, Bob Harper, are working on building a close relationship with the community centre that will permit SLSS to use the centre's facilities. ▪ Library deputation is still in progress. ▪ 2 new elementary schools opened just north of SLSS. ▪ Vaughan S.S. to be getting a French Immersion program. ▪ Westmount C.I. will be expanding their arts program to grades 11 & 12. ▪ Bill Crothers S.S. official opening scheduled for Nov. 6th. ▪ International Restorative Justice Conference will be held this week.
	<p>October 6th – 1st term progress reports were sent home. October 23rd- Halloween dance. November 5th- Grade 9's, Take Your Kids To Work Day. November 7th- Mid term reports to go home. November 12th- Parent/Teacher interviews. December 11th – Winter Showcase highlighting talents of SLSS including music, drama, fashion, food and visual arts. Grade 8's will be invited to attend. June 24th – Graduation. We have approx 250 students graduating this year. Planning will begin for this large scale event and School Council has offered to assist with the many tasks. SLSS is not affiliated with any before or after parties scheduled around graduation. These events are coordinated by students and there is no staff supervision. P.A. Days are mandated by YRDSB. Each day covers a different topic ie. Literacy, technology, assessment and evaluation, differentiated learning/ Special Education. The programs and training during the P.A. days are designed to support teachers in improving student achievement. Translation of policies for the agenda will be done free of charge. \$1000 that was granted for this purpose will now be spent to purchase an honour roll board for the front hallway.</p>

<p>Urban and Priority High Schools Grant</p>	<p>Our application for \$380,000.00 was sent in this past week. If we are awarded the grant the money is to be used to create a Student & Family Support Centre. 2 full time teachers \$200,000 2 full time Child and Youth Workers \$85,000 1 Social Worker \$80,000 Additional Psychological Services \$5,000 Resources \$10,000</p>
<p>Next Meeting November 17, 2008</p>	<p>Principal and Vice Principal Profiles Review of Dress Code Career Day Graduation</p>