

Sudbury Secondary School Parent Council
March 29th 2023 Meeting



Members Present:

Heather Downey - Administrator
Carrie Wilson - Administrator
Yves Poirier - Administrator
Trenessa Beers -Teacher (Secretary)
Bev Belrose - Non-teaching staff
Bernadette Remillard -Parent (Chair)
Kate Barber - Parent

Regrets:

Bobbi McLean -Parent
Rhoda Butak - Parent
Mel Depatie - Parent

Items

1- Welcome

2- Approve minutes of last (October) meeting

Moved: Kate Barber

Seconded: Bernadette Remillard

2- P/VP Profile

Last year's P/VP Profile was reviewed and amended.

Heather to make amendments

Bernadette to come in and sign

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tnb28GL55VGDsaRtjCdmPA8lAYRr1-9_/view?usp=share_link

3- Fundraising

As sent out electronically after last meeting

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hJcRQwsUvY5lqfZn7UKFDfUXuQ3B_PF1AqgTo65HrN8/edit?usp=share_link

HD - Request for swag for incoming grade 9's - snack bags

Moved: Kate Barber
Seconded: Bernadette Remillared

HD - distribution of commencement awards letter.

5- PIC Update

Bernadette - February Technology and digital citizenship. April 11 - Student Census Data. All meetings are now virtual and open to everyone. Heather to push via social media.

6- School Updates

Math - We have 3 sections of de-streamed Math happening this semester and they are gearing up for EQAO

Guidance

*Course selection (using MyBlueprint is now complete). Catching up on the students who missed out on selecting their courses for next year, as well as continuing to have auditions for new students (gr 8's and other grades).

*We take this information and the Timetabling Team will create the timetable for next year starting in April.

* Graduation will take place on June 15th. Guidance (Crystal) has started to reach out to the generous donors who have sponsored awards in the past as well as trying to get new contacts to help support our students who are graduating.

English

Not too many updates right now from the ENG dept., except our Spring Session for the OSSLT. You could share that teachers are helping to prep our newcomers, second time writers, and students new to the school to write the Literacy test. Methods to prep include reinforcing the use of PEEL and shared reading.

Social Science

Law classes have been going to the Renee Sweeney Trial. They have had the opportunity to witness all "parts" of a full trial. It has been an amazing experience.

Physical Education

We had a very successful winter season in SSS athletics. We were able to see the SSS students attain some great results both in a team and individual setting:

<https://www.sudburysports.com/article.php?articleId=11325#.ZCHVH3bMLcs>

1) The senior boys basketball team won the city championship with a dominant performance in the city finals

- 2) Our wrestling team sent a number of athletes to the city and northern Ontario championships. Two wrestlers Grace Beange and Sophie Simo Tcheunte qualified for the Ontario championships and both just missed from finishing in the top 6 in their weight categories
- 3) Amon Ranger qualified for the Ontario championships in Nordic skiing
- 4) The girls curling team qualified for the city playoffs for the first time in over 20 years

Once again we were able to have all of our teams coached by staff at the school with the help of some community coaches

Alpine Skiing - Cindy Kuhlberg

Junior Boys Basketball - Clint Jameus

Senior Boys Basketball - Kent Rendell, Marc Lavigne (cc)

Junior Girls Volleyball - Wayne Cuculick, Jeannette Lankshear

Senior Girls Volleyball - Tanis Van Walleggham

Nordic Skiing - Katherine Welsh

Wrestling - Taylor Richard, Erica Turcotte (cc)

The physical education classes are up and running with several healthy active living and fitness classes running. This year we see the return of the Kinesiology class

Special Education

Transitions ISP

The Transitions class has been working on goal setting and thinking about their future after highschool. We had a visit from Community Living and through their Student Links program, we are working on matching some of our students with mentors in the community in the fields they are interested in working.

We have also been learning about different artists and their techniques. The students studied Andy Warhol and created their own pop art. We are currently learning about George Seurat and pointillism.

Pop art example below :)



Social ISP

Spring has sprung in the Day Treatment class!

The table in the back of the classroom has turned into a mini greenhouse on the Monday after March break. We have had some overcast days and some snowy ones this week but we are hoping for more sunshine in the coming weeks and months.

Our goal is to sell a few of our seedlings to staff as the weather warms up. We also will "give back" in June by sharing some seedlings with a local community garden or two.

We also applied for a sustainability grant this month with the hopes of growing plants all year long with the proper LED grow lights and a compartmentalized greenhouse structure within the classroom.

In other news, we often preach to the students about the importance of "self care". In April we are going to stop preaching and bring the spa to the students! We will be hosting a mini self care day complete with a healthy snack, calming music and an in-house spa treatment and face mask!

Lifeskills

The lifeskills class continues to work hard to provide our students with snack during period 2. They also provide breakfast bins for students as they come through the door in the morning and help to keep the value vault open at lunch and after school in case students need to grab a snack or some food to take home to supplement their family. They are also working on knitting projects (hats and scarves) and after Easter weekend they will be starting to grow vegetables and flowers!

ASD

Our ASD class continues to help with our recycling program and have partnered with the Transitions class to take this on during Semester 2.

They are also busy working on their culinary skills, learning kitchen safety, chopping and cutting skills.

In social skills they are learning about friendships and boundaries. They are working on the difference between being hurtful and playful teasing.

Science

Welcome new staff member to Science Robert Hembruff

Junior and Senior teams competed in the Reach for the Top competitions

Many students representing SSS competed in the Skills Competition on March 1st.

Arts

Pirates of Penzance

Let's Dance - March

Compass Mural

Geneva House Artwork

Spring Concert - May

NOMF - present

Wonderland Trip (Music Dept) - June

Lansdowne Visit - Christmas tunes (Music Dept)

Horticultural Society - Performance (Music Dept)

Emergence - Visual Art - Opens tomorrow

Exposed - Visual Art - May

Toronto Trip - Visual Art - Nov and TBD

Europe Trip

Look @ Media - June

Dramatically Yours - May 4th

Act Fest - May 25, 26

Gutsy Runway - Fashion Class - Toilet Paper Dresses

Skills Competition - Media - Provincial in May

Cancer Gala - contribution from all arts departments - Apr 21

Comedy Gala - Vocal performing

VIEW Dance Challenge - April 28

Sudbury 5 - Vocal - May 2

Joan Mantle - Music Dept - April 29

Retirement Dinner - Dance, Vocal & Instrumental - May 30

Nickel City Sound - Dance (Swing) - April 22
MacLeod - Dance - MacLeod Idol - Mar 6 & 27
Telethon - Dance & Vocal
Arts Carousels - All arts

7- Graduation, Prom and important dates

Graduations:

SSS June 15th at 6:30 p.m. SSS, Sheridan Auditorium
N'Swakamok June 8th at 10:30 a.m. N'Swakamok Friendship Centre
Adult Day School June 14th at 1:pm,

Prom:

June 16th - Lower Hall Caruso Club

8- Other Business

Yves: Report on Newcomers Association (New Immigrants)
Carrie: Report on Headstroing Committee (Mental Health)
Bev: Report on BIPOC Committee (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour)

Meeting Adjourned 5:57 p.m.