

SSS Parent Council Meeting  
2019.10.10

Present: Heather Downey - Principal  
Sean Green - VP  
Linda Goulais - VP  
Bev Belrose - non-teaching staff representative - librarian  
Christine McInnis - non-teaching staff representative - SBMH  
Jack Cushnie - Student Prime Minister  
Bernadette Remillard - Parent  
Kate Barber - Parent  
Melissa Houston - Parent

1. Introductions and welcome
2. School updates - Listed below minutes.
3. Northstar Awards November 23rd, 12:00
4. Facility Improvements:
  - a. Basketball court
  - b. Painting,
  - c. Fitness facility
  - d. 21st Century classroom x2
5. EQAO Results
  - a. Numeracy. Applied at 75% (equal to great gains last year), academic to 89% (increase of 6%). Both applied and academic are above board and provincial standards. 71% of our successful grade 9 applied math writers were not successful in grade 6 EQAO.
  - b. Literacy. Applied at 73% (increase of 9%), academic at 89%. Special education success rate for us was 71% (an increase of 27%). 100% of our first time eligible writers wrote on the day of the test.
6. Bev Shared Online Library System
7. Heather spoke of initiatives:
  - a. Discount cards
  - b. Possible Spring Community event
  - c. Forthcoming PIC meeting - October 29th, SSS
  - d. Visible presence of Parent Council
8. Kate spoke of fundraising opportunity (to be sent forth)

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9. Christine spoke of Headstrong Summit and Headstrong Committee

10. Voting for School Chair: Berndette Remillard

a. Nominated by Kate Barber

b. Seconded by Melissa Houston

11. Heather shared MCTV clip from Joan Mantle Music Trust - April 18th

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1800722&binId=1.1142313&playlistPageNum=1>

## ***Department Updates***

### **English Department**

- Newly formed "Creative Writing Club" - lunch time club for "writing without rules" where students can write, share work, provide feedback and gain access to writing contests. The group's goal is to put together a school publication of student creative writing.
- Partnerships with Indigenous community members to enhance learning in the NBE courses (college & university pathways)
- Our use of Fountas & Pinnell reading program in LLI class, and in the applied pathways, where it will be embedded into standard curriculum.

### **Guidance**

- met with all grade 12's regarding post-secondary planning
- college and university visits ongoing
- guidance lead college and university application sessions taking place the first two weeks of December
- preparing for North Star Awards, October 23rd

### **Social Sciences**

- Grade 11 law will be visiting the courthouse soon
- Civics classes are participating in the UPI program again.

### **Library**

- Brief presentation of library resources available to SSS students, specifically our online research databases

### **Student Parliament**

#### **Past Events**

- Terry Fox Run
- Spirit Days
- Bake Sale
- Running shoe initiative/Cancer research donation

#### **Future Events**

- Bi-weekly spirit days
- Haunted hallway October 30 2-3 period
- Halloween dance October 31
- Will soon implement class reps

## Arts Department

### General Arts

- -Arts Carousels: 4 sessions in October
- -Musical: Alice in Wonderland, November 2019
- -Arts Ed Auditions: October 29th, December 11th, January 21st, February 13th
- -Possibility of spring fair?
- -Departmental Year-end shows (dance, theatre arts, music (vocal/instrumental), visual arts, media)

### Dance

- **-SHSM Workshop:** September 19th & 20th, Lauren Foy: Graham Technique
- **-Branch Collective:** October 9th, Lauren Foy: Contemporary. Branch Collective will be providing a working artist on the second Wednesday of every month for our dancers (November: Beginner Kathak, Tanveer Alam. January: Contact, Jennifer Hazelton. February: Entering the Movement, Janie Pinard).
- **-VIEW Dance Challenge:** April 30th, North Bay. 5 entries - Z. Hoffman (jazz group), A. Lavigne (hip hop line), A. Burton (contemporary group), E. Tourigny/D. Geer (hip hop duet), A. Starling/J.Rainville (lyrical partnering sextet)
- **-CTV Telethon:** December 7th, (*waiting on confirmation*) H. Marleau/S. Viljanmaa (hip hop group)
- **-Let's Dance 2020:** March 12th. Our year end collection of work.
- **-Choreographic Workshop:** Wednesday February 12th
- **-Performing Dance Troupe:** Monday: A. Starling (hip hop), Tuesday: S. Viljanmaa (ballet), Wednesday: A. Lavigne (contemporary), Thursday: R. Pelland-Carriere (student choreo). Rehearsals at lunch run Monday to Friday for solos, duets and trios.
- **-National Ballet Company of Canada:** Field Trip planned for November 7th, performance, backstage tour, q & a with company members and technical team.
- **-George Brown/Ballet Jorgen:** company visit, master class with Bengt Jorgen, post secondary information session.
- **-Workshops:** ongoing workshops with artists as they become available throughout the school year. (last year we had Allen Kaeja, Ashley Ann Burton, Zach Hoffman, Kaylee Cacciotti, Lineen Doung (live2dance), Deliah-Hope Law, Skyler Slywchuk.

- **-Sharing Dance Day:** June 2020, affiliated with the National Ballet of Canada
- **-Flash Mob:** Thriller flash mob at the SSS Halloween Dance

### **Theatre Arts**

- -Drama students are attending Mary Poppins in December with the Vocal students to experience how a professional show runs.
- -Senior Drama students are preparing themselves for post-secondary education by receiving the training they'll need to audition for a variety of shows including traditional Shakespeare, film, musicals, and next semester, Actfest (independent plays)
- -Some Senior Drama students will also be working on a culminating activity with some media students to write, direct, and film their own short movie for the end of this semester.
- -Junior Drama students are referring to themselves as a family and many open students are hoping to become majors. The growth in their self-confidence and on-stage performances is blossoming.
- -Ongoing opportunities for guest teachers, workshops, etc. throughout the year.
- -Dramatically Yours: April 2nd & 3rd
- -ActFest: May 27th

### **Visual Art**

#### ***Ongoing/Potential Opportunities***

- Cinifest Exhibit
- Canadian Cancer Society: Paint the Downtown Yellow
- Exhibits - Sudbury Theatre Centre
- Stained glass for Outdoor classroom
- Saturday workshops for kids
- Saturday workshops for parents
- Mall Display - New Sudbury Centre
- Artwork for Float for Santa Claus Parade
- Christmas Mug Designs
- Workplace Safety North Artwork Campaign 2018-2019
- Art Crawl Exhibit

#### ***Current/Annual Opportunities***

- Mural for C-Cans
- Green Stairs Project for Jocelyn Landry Altman - Counsellor
- Exposed - Annual SSS Art Exhibit
- Emergence- Annual Art Gallery of Sudbury Student Exhibit

- Drops/Floor/Set/Props/Costumes for musicals/shows/Poster Design
- Fall and Spring Toronto Trips
- Decorate for North Star Awards, Grad and Christmas Dinner
- Arts Carousels
- Painting Windows at Christmas (Princess Anne?)
- Board Art Exhibit
- Wellness Hour Art Workshops for staff
- Art Battle
- Going to Toronto to see the Early Rubens exhibition at the AGO on Dec. 6
- Going to Italy and Greece to see the art of Ancient Greece and Rome as well as the Renaissance - March break , 2020
- Showing art work at the Laughing Buddha in the Spring
- Participating in the Emergence art show in April/May
- Presenting Exposed - May 5 - 8

## **Instrumental Music**

### **Ensembles:**

- Mega Concert Band - rehearses every Tuesday from 2:30-4:00. Made up of students from grades 9-12. Beginner to advanced players.
- The Flavourz (Sr. Jazz Band) - Made up of mostly senior students. This is the advanced jazz band. The flavourz plays funk, pop, R&B, soul, swing, and latin jazz. Rehearses Thursdays from 2:30-4:00
- The Polaris Jazz Band (Jr. Jazz Band) - Made up of junior/ beginner students. This band plays funk, pop, swing, and latin jazz. Rehearses Mondays and Thursdays at lunch.

### **Events:**

- Friday December 13th - joint concert with Princess Anne P.S. Proceeds go towards the Joan Mantle Music Trust.
- March - Northern Ontario Music Festival hosted at SSS. Bands, Choirs, Strings, and Guitar Ensembles perform at this Festival. This is the regional qualifier for Music Fest Canada (National Festival)
- Beginning of April - Kiwanis Music Festival (local bands, choirs, etc. perform at this festival)
- April 23-26 - Bands and Choirs are in Washington D.C. to compete at the Washington Heritage Festival. This is an international band and choir competition. While in Washington, we will also be visiting a number of museums, six flags amusements park,

and an event entitled the "Presidential Ball". This event is a formal dinner followed by awards, followed by a dance.

- May 4th - Music Monday. Mass Band (150-200 students) with all Rainbow Secondary Schools. Located at Lockerby.
- Thursday May 14th - Spring Concert - Best of 90's music. Features all SSS Bands, Choirs, Ensembles, and solo performances.

### **Vocal Music**

- Star Fire Choir will start after the musical (early December).
- The Northern Lights started rehearsing this week.
- "Kick The Clouds" (student-led band) performing at Joan Mantle Music Trust Media Event
- "The Northern Lights" performing at CTV Lions' Telethon
- "The Northern Lights" performing at Nickel City Sounds' Christmas Concert
- All choirs and vocal classes performing at our Joan Mantle Music Benefit Concert in December (joint concert with Princess Anne)
- Kiwanis Music Festival
- Northern Ontario Music Festival
- Heritage Music Festival (Washington D.C. trip)
- Spring Music Concert in May (This year has a 90s theme)
- Board Retirement Dinner
- Other community partnerships and opportunities. "The Northern Lights" received several requests to perform last year and we expect more again this year.

### **Media**

- We will continue with Film Club this year and will get that started by the end of October.
- We will also continue Animatron Club with a different challenge based format this year.
- Look @ Media show in February.
- Making connections with The Indie Cinema and further develop partnership and opportunities
- We'd like to further develop community partnerships and opportunities (last year, media students helped to film workshops at NOMF, film community sports, create a concussion awareness video for the Rainbow Board, create a water safety video for Conservation Sudbury, and develop short video clips and an intro video for Workplace Safety North).
- Skills Competition (two students made it to the provincials last year). We hope to have more

- students go again this year.
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