

Silverthorn CI – School Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00pm

Library

AGENDA

Welcome

Mark Varvas

Student Update

Mia S (Relay for Life)

- the event will take place May 11, 10 am-10pm
- May 12 is the rain date
- looking for cancer survivors, there will be a survivor breakfast - please contact Ms. Lucic if you know of any survivors
- school cash online - pay \$20 to register, or register on the Relay website
- looking for donations (silent auction)
- looking for volunteers
- looking for leads on local businesses, please send names to Ms. Lucic
- there will be a stage and music, a very fun event

Greg S and Kira K (Student Council)

- spirit week before March Break: Monday - Jersey day, Tuesday - teacher day, dress up as your favorite teacher; Wednesday - celebrity day; Thursday - throwback day; Friday - beach day
- Mental Health week upcoming, May 15-19

Monday - 'Just Dance' in lower caf

Tuesday - colour and board games, screen-free area, relaxing activities

Wednesday - yoga in small or large gym, led by a grade 12 student for about half hour

Thursday - Gender Sexuality Alliance, tye dye, 5\$ to buy a tshirt

Friday - bake sale, .50 each, proceeds go to CAMH

- there will not be a junior dance this year, Staff who help run SAC are changing the model, and have been very busy with this.

Council Update

Andrea Dziuma

- model is changing, proposed by Athia, Satyanarayana, Dziuma, Silva
- recognize that 12 students are very busy and would like to include entire school. New model will have students from all grade levels
- April 26 - lunch meeting for interested students
- May 3 - application due (teachers must approve applications and must sign off)
- May 5 - notify candidates who are approved by Mr. Atheia
- May 8-25 - campaigns take place
- May 19 - speeches due (vetted by staff beforehand)
- May 25/26 - assembly
- May 25/26 - vote
- May 29 - announcement
- two grade reps for each grade
- 2 equity officer/community outreach officer/secretary
- 3 tech officers/communications officers
- 2 VP
- 1 president
- home form reps for each class
- working hard to encourage student voice (home form reps report to grade reps, and grade reps report to VP and Presidents)

Principal's Update

Mark Varvas, Stacey Wylie, Rosanna Deo

- New OA and budget secretary
- New head daytime janitor

- many newcomer students coming to SCI (approx 20), mainly from Syria and Turkey and speak arabic. They take ESL, Learning skills and Canadian Geography, phys-ed. Another 20 students are coming before the end of the year. They are bussed in/out from about 9:15-2
- The student census happens every 5 years. Parents have been notified about the census, parents can opt out for their children. Hoping to have students complete the survey May 4th during P1
- guidance
 - uni/college offers should be coming out soon
 - full disclosure date: if your child is a senior student, and is taking 4 courses and would like to drop 1 course, the deadline is April 26
 - course changes should all be made now, will be more difficult later
 - summer school registration is open now for in person or remote
 - summer school credit recovery is only remote, for students who want to upgrade poor/failed courses
- having more success with coverages, so field trips, etc, can run
- had an Iftar ceremony last week with 200 people, was planned by the Muslim Student Alliance
- Caring Safe and Accepting Schools - next meeting Wednesday May 3rd @ 3:30, everyone welcome
- celebrating different heritages each month (last month was Greek, this month is Sheikh and Hispanic/Latin America)
- report cards coming out this week
- June 14 - moratorium (no tests or assessments)
- culminating activities can begin May 9, teachers are trying to spread out workload over the courses
- OSSLT - first 2 sittings of literacy test were April 18
- ventilation system is being replaced this summer, walls will be knocked out, building will be closed to permits
- Camp Manitou is happening next year. The price has increased significantly (almost doubled), from Sept 17-20. Student leader hopefuls are working on training now and will be notified soon if they are successful. Camp is offered to all grade 10 students
- EQAO June 12 & 13 for grade 9 students, there are 2 booklets and they do 1 each day, on a computer. Each booklet is 75 minutes long.

- staffing/scheduling is happening now, will be hiring 1 teacher
- hoping to have schedules out in June and to resolve any conflicts before the summer
- theatre show happening - spring theatre night
- student fees will be increasing next year, introducing an athletic fee. This is because there is NO money coming from the ministry for any extra-curricular or sport activities

School Council Report

- trying to create a parent group to volunteer for Relay for Life, contact Adriana Arevalo

Any Other Business

Next School Council Meeting – Tues, May 30, 2023

Adjournment