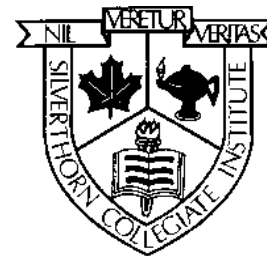


Silverthorn Collegiate Institute



February 23, 2022
School Council Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: Adriana Arevalo and Linda Lakats

SAC Report

- Spirit wear - Crewnecks, zip ups branded logo
- Help a girl out – period poverty – Students brought in feminine hygiene, shampoo, body wash. SCI collected more than anticipated. Mr. Bubulj's class had the most with 3 boxes.
- Valentines day – candygrams. High sales. Self-love mural with positive and uplifting messages
- Bell let's talk day – video with mental health resources, numbers within and outside of school
- Pink shirt day – antibullying day.

Black Student Alliance (BSA) Report

- This is a new club/alliance. It is led by Ms. Birkett – English/drama teacher
- Rosanna Deo started this initiative
- They started it during Black history month. There will be small initiatives to let people know more about Black history and the problems/challenges facing racialized/black students.
- The focus of the group will be on the black experience within SCI
- It is an open space to learn more about experiences/cultures
- Friday February 25th was SCI's first culture day
- Adaja Dixon-Kelly, is a gr 11 student, felt like black voices need to be more represented, people don't hear them as much as they should. There are many problems facing black student that most people don't know about
- Maryan joined because the group felt right to her. She likes leadership roles, and wants to bring awareness to important issues. She wants to show everyone that black people are enough
- Sahra Musse: Student – joined because she wants to be a part of innovative inspiring uplifting environment
- This club will not just run during black history month - the idea is for it to be to be all school year. Not just the 'leaders', but a space for kids who are falling through cracks (who aren't being heard, and whose ideas are not being respected or acknowledged) – this is a space for them to grow as citizens.
- Hoping that this goes on for years to come.

Principal's Report

Sam Iskandar, Rosanna Deo, Stacey Wylie

- vaccine clinic Feb 24 12 and up – 1st 2nd 3rd dosed – no appt required – 3:30pm – 8:30pm
- **Linda:** there is a link where you can sign up for a time – same interface as the parent teacher interviews – message was sent out with a link on the page
- Ms. Deo: In person absence will **not** be joining virtually In person absence – students will need to connect with teacher to catch up, similar to pre-covid. Just ‘absent’ and then catch up on work upon returning to school (or by email with teacher)
- **Sam:** There will be a virtual option for next year. TDSB will survey parents (next few weeks) to determine virtual/in person. There will be no reversals for the entire school year – whatever method of instruction a student chooses will be what they have for the entire year.
- Staffing will be done after March Break, the survey will determine staffing needs for following year.
- 121 students are virtual at SCI this year – out of a possible 900 students. 754 in person at SCI
- OSSLT results: Grade 11’s wrote test as well as virtual students. We had a 82% success rate, which is a little higher than average. There will be a spring session for those who were not successful
- Sports starting up and extra-curricular - are occurring at lunch - basketball, soccer. Masks on, but gets hot so may come off. Basketball try-outs are soon.
- Early warning letters – March 8 and 9 – will be sent by teachers if there are concerns about how child is doing in class
- Grad photos - starting February 28 on site: have to book individual times – Monday to Thursday time slots – Edge imaging asking that you bring your own props – take photo and go straight back up to class Booking <https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/SLI>

Leadership Week/Teacher’s Report – Sarah Atwell

- Leadership week. Wanted to plan for Manitou, but with Omicron they realized it couldn’t happen.
- Instead, it will be a day trip model. Activities near school – on school grounds, Centennial. Series of Day-long events. Similar to tasks/cooperative learning tasks like Manitou. Still led by senior students. Applications for exec was due yesterday
- Will happen for the 4 days following May Long weekend
- Hopefully we will go back to normal, at Camp Manitou, in September for next years grade 10s
- Year book crew – getting it going now, very exciting to be in person, things are happening – there are many events organized.
- Recruits for leadership will be over the next few weeks. Leadership Executive will get leadership application ready and sent out.

Next meeting: April 6th