

Silverthorn CI – School Council Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00pm

Library

Welcome

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Student Update

Greg S and Kira K (Student Council)

Anastasia D and Mia S (Relay for Life)

- SAC has been slow lately due to exams in January
- Sold valentine cookies in the caf, big and small cookies - sold out
- Candy Grams - send valentine to a friend in another class - sold out
- Next week - spirit week. Monday Jersey day, Tuesday teacher day (teachers dress like teachers, students dress like teachers), Wednesday celebrity day, Thursday throwback Thursday, Friday Beach Day
- Hoping to have a school-wide event for Jr students in April, maybe a dance
- Mental health awareness in May. Might have a Mental Health awareness week, maybe Yoga
- Black student alliance - culture day - wear clothing from your culture
- Maybe March Madness with basketball/spirit events

Relay for life

- Last Relay was 2019, raised \$40, 000. Goal for this year is \$30, 000
- Community initiative to support cancer fundraising
- May 11th, 10h event, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Events, games, prizes, and more
- Students are in groups of 10
- Have many sponsors, collecting donations
- 10th anniversary of SCI running Relay for Life

- \$20.00 registration fee
- Looking for parent volunteers
- Looking for donations for Silent Auction or prizes for games
- Cancer survivors are invited to come to event

Principal's Update

Mark Varvas, Stacey Wylie, Rosanna Deo

1. Semester 2 changeover

- Teachers reaching out to parents/guardians - most teachers have reached out to parents by now if there are ABC concerns (attendance, behaviour, curriculum)
- Students with IEPs - make sure teachers are aware of which students have IEPs, and are making accommodations
- Hallway Heroes - keep students in class/out of hallway. Try to eliminate gathering in washroom or hallway. Trying to ensure only 1 student per class is out using bathroom at a time, and that they are not gone for long. Administrators are in the hallways before school.

2. POR interviews

- Position of Responsibility - in the process of interviewing for these roles
- 14 assistant curriculum leaders (similar to Department Heads)
- POR duration is from 2023-2026

3. Main Office Changes

- Linda Black retired. Bridget Smith will be new OA

4. Guidance Report

- Course option selection, guidance sessions (deadline passed)
- Most students have submitted their courses
- Staffing is based on student course selections. If students change their courses, it makes staffing and scheduling very difficult
- Over 200 Grade 9 students coming from feeder schools, even more if you count HP students

- myBlueprint course selection is now closed. Students should speak to guidance counsellor if they want to make changes
- Spares and grade 12 students - no spares for Grade 11 students. This gives students more options for keeping doors open for post-secondary education
- Can drop a course after about 1 or 1.5 weeks - after that it is strictly not allowed

5. Coverage situation

- Higher than normal number of unfilled jobs
- Province-wide problem
- May impact field trips and tournaments to keep the focus on education
- *new* retired teachers are now allowed 95 supply teaching days (used to be 50). This may alleviate some of the shortages

6. Caring, Safe and Accepting Schools Team

- Assembling a committee to look at wellness survey
- Committee comprised of parents, students, staff
- First meeting is next Wednesday at 3:30. Will meet about 1x/month

7. Driveway traffic

- Park in the parking lot and wait for your child
- Parents should not idle/park on road to wait for students
- Issue in colder weather
- Emails have been sent to park and wait
- SBSM and Admin presence

8. Upcoming Dates

- Achievement (semester 2). Early warning letters going out next week - concerns regarding behaviour, attendance or academic performance. Parents may receive up to 4 letters (one per course, depending on needs)
- OSSLT 18th, 21st, 24th. (Back up is April 20th)
- Parent teacher interviews - Mar 28.
- Term 1 report cards April 19th
- OUAC mark upload date: April 24
- Grad photo retake March 21

School Council Report

- SAC elections this May for the first time in 5 or 6 years
- Thinking of opening SAC up to whole school, all grades
- Keep some executive positions for Grade 12 students, but other positions could be for younger students (promotions, etc)
- Important to have student voice for younger grades
- Student Equity Bulletin - weekly bulletin posted in classes with upcoming dates (club times and dates so students always know what is going on)
- June Arts Showcase

Any Other Business

- Exams 20-26
- Prom 26th
- Commencement was the 27th but has been switched to June 30th due to Eid al-Adha
- Considering a daytime commencement to accommodate long weekend plans