



**Principal's Report  
Sydenham High School  
School Council Meeting  
October 14, 2009  
6:00 pm**

1. **Staffing Changes:** Lisa DeKarielle (English and Foods), Beth Ford (English and Foods), Tyson Kellerman (School to Community), Brian Nesbitt (History and French), Margo Craft (French), Shawn Lavender (Transportation). Welcome back to Jim Russell.
2. **Program Changes:** Alternative School has expanded and Leslie Lalor is at the Alternative Centre full-time. She is running a hands-on, small group program for students who need a change from the regular school. We anticipate to have up to 12 students in the program. Attendance is mandatory. Purpose is to provide opportunities for success in an alternative school environment.

The vision of the alternative school is also changing as a result of additional staff being allocated. Students registered in the under 21 program will be required to attend regularly and will be provided with staff support. Over 21 students will be encouraged to come into the alternative school regularly to get assistance.

There is the opportunity to partner with adult literacy and numeracy, FERC and Kairos.

3. **School Improvement Plan:** SIP was shared. We have created school work teams to work towards achieving our goals. These include: Student Success, Literacy, Mathematical Literacy, Technology, Safe at Sydenham and Eco-Schools.
4. **Extra-Curricular Activities:** Many activities outside of school are in progress. These include football, basketball, volleyball, field hockey, cross-country, Whiz Kids, as well as many others.

5. **Leadership Camp**: On October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, approximately 75 students took part in Leadership Camp at Camp Iawah. Our Senior student leaders did a wonderful job organizing the event. The theme was “So What?” Thank you to Manjit Singh, Greg Legge, Luke Smith, Kim Kippen for their efforts in supporting the event.
6. **Awards Ceremony**: On October 8<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all winners and students who made the honour roll. Thank you to Joanne Kusters, Steve Kearns and Marie Campbell for their hard work in organizing the event.
7. **Power Outage**: On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the main power line from Ontario Hydro to SHS malfunctioned. As a result, the power could not be restored in time for school on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone for your support in getting the message out to the community.

#### **8. Student Enrollment:** 950 students

9. **October 23<sup>rd</sup> PD Day**: Teachers will be at Bayridge Secondary School participating in professional learning activities. Education Assistant's will have professional learning activities planned at the school.
10. **Specialist High Skills Major**: We are currently offering Manufacturing and Hospitality. We have 14 students in manufacturing and 3 students in tourism (in the SHSM track). There are many requirements that students must fulfill in order to successfully complete the SHSM (reach ahead activities, CLA's, Certification Courses, Co-op, as well as specific courses)
11. **Grade 9 EQAO Math Results**: 48% of Students in Grade 9 Applied Math achieved Levels 3 and 4; 88% of students in Grade 9 Academic Math achieved Levels 3 and 4. Results are well above the School Board and Provincial Average.
12. **Bubba Bowl**: Once again, the Bubba Bowl was a huge success. Thank you to all for your assistance. It would not come to fruition without the support of the community.

13. **Eco-Schools**: We are continuing to strive ahead with our Eco-Schools focus. Kelly Roantree is leading this work team, and many staff members are keen to support this important initiative.
  
14. **PH1N1**: We continue to educate students on PH1N1. This has been completed through SYDHS TV, website and handouts. We'll continue to provide information to the school community at regular intervals. We have not had greater than 10% of our student body absent on any school day (with flu like symptoms).