

MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 18, 2016

Present: J. Stieva, S. Kirkham, S. Parker, Y. Wang, K. Stackaruk, M. Garde, R. Kukreja, R. Rasasingham, J. Sumner, J. Sumner, V. Von Buren, T. Hamilton, M. Yu, Z. Vahed, J. Smith, S. Maheswaran, S. Lang-Doe, E. Buckland, K. Amos, M. Overchuk, H. Guthrie

Regrets: T. Ho, T. Datta, S. Belford, K. Gilliland-Roque

1. **WELCOME** - Sherry Kirkham – 7:05 pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** – S. Kirkham

. Tom and Tanuj were not able to attend the meeting.

3. **DEBATE** – Hamish Guthrie

. Mr. Guthrie gave an informative talk about debate at WOSS. WOSS debaters have done very well this year in competitions, even winning the National Oxford Cup title in Calgary. They will now compete in the Oxford Cup in England this Spring. Summer debate camp is very popular. This camp is open to students in Grades 6-12 and costs \$300 for the week. Registration fee for Debate Club is \$50 per student for the year.

4. **MINUTES** - Siobhan Parker

Motion to approve November minutes by Rekha Kukreja and seconded by Mona Garde.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Rekha Kukreja

. The latest auction was very successful bringing in \$927. We are waiting on one payment from Sunningdale PS for their contribution to the Ann Douglas presentation.

. Motion to approve November's financials by Kim Stackaruk and seconded by Ziyaa Vahed.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT** - Sherry Kirkham

. There was a regional PIC meeting last week with over 60 reps (Sherri is no longer the Chair).

. The on-line auction was amazing. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Next auction, we need more time to get items to the school.

. PRO speaker recommendations, along with costs will be tabled and voted on at the next council meeting.

. English/French programming in Halton is experiencing some difficulties. Sherry encouraged everyone to share their thoughts and complete the on-line questionnaire.

. Safe Schools – meetings are held on various Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Vilma von Buren said she would be interested in being on the committee.

. April 8th is now an extra PA Day.

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7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva

- . Semester 2 hiring will be complete at the end of the week.
- . WOSS is proceeding with the Grade 9 and 10 IB application. Admissions criteria will stay the same. All classes will run on a Day one and Day two schedule.
- . The 50th Anniversary weekend is May 13 and 14, 2016. Various events will be held throughout the weekend. A Wall of Fame will be created this year with 4 notable inductees, followed by two after that.
- . Final budgets have been received. A flow sheet will be prepared for February's council meeting.
- . January is a protected month, so no field trips occurred.
- . The CHATT email system is moving to Google on February 16th. Band width in the school continues to be frustrating. A computer program has been purchased that will allow parents to book their own teacher interviews online for Parent/Teacher Night in March.
- . The Immunization clinic will be held on February 16th. Students could be suspended for 21 days if mandatory immunizations are not complete or an exemption form is filed with Halton Region.
- . The Netherlands Exchange will be April 16-23, 2016. More information to follow.

8. OTHER – Sara Belford and Kelly Amos

Teacher Report (Sara was absent but sent along the report)

- . The Syrian refugee clothing drive was a success – thank you.
- . Grade 8 visits were completed this week. An email will be sent home to all returning students with information about course selection for next year. Kids will use My Blueprint to complete the process.

Trustee Report

- . WOSS will receive funding to assist with renovations/improvements to the washrooms, re-lamping, lockers, roofing, asphalt surfaces, library, HVAC, running track, etc. Yay!
- . Inspire is a Board recognition programme featuring people who have made an impact (students, school staff, Board staff, etc).
- . Numerous interviews have been conducted for senior positions at the Board including a new Director and two Superintendents.
- . A multi-year budget/planning process has been started and will need community input.

Motion to adjourn by Yana Wang and seconded by Mona Garde at 9:07 pm.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 22nd, 2016 at 7:00 pm