

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

Monday, January 21st, 2013

Present: Sherry Kirkham, John Stieva, Siobhan Parker, Walid Esefan , Yana Wang, Tara Hamilton, Mona Garde, Paul Daignault, Mike Parchimowicz

Regrets: Lou Smeyers, Kelly Amos, Zain Khan, Anna Blacklock, Vicki Ranger, Sandra Bailey, Doug Bunney, Paula Kostesku, Raj Kahlon, Hazel Peel, Carol Mitchell

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

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham

a) No business to report.

3. **MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING** by Siobhan Parker

Motion to adopt last meeting minutes by Mona Garde and seconded by Tara Hamilton.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham

- a) Current balance in account is \$2,938.22.
- b) On-line auction is doing very well. One item from the auction needs to be paid for.
- c) Received \$1,000 grant in previous year for video production. WOSS to re-produced 1000 copies of old video for approx. \$500. Extra money can be carried over until September, 2013.

Motion to approve January's financial statements by Tara Hamilton and seconded by Siobhan Parker.

5. **SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION** – by Paul Daignault

- a) Mr. Daignault presented results from the latest "Tell Them From Me" survey.
- b) 953 students completed the survey anonymously in 2012. Survey areas included sense of belonging, self-esteem, feeling safe at school, skills and feeling challenged. Overall, WOSS scored well, with above the national average results in many categories. The survey will be administered again in the Spring and hopefully, we will get a larger sample.

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

- a) There was excellent feedback re: Michael Reist seminar. We would like to get Claire Landridge from ADAPT back to the school for another visit.
- b) Halton Special Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be offering a seminar titled "Ring of Safety: Teaching people with disabilities the skills to prevent abuse" on February 12th.
- c) Pathways Planning Information Night is on January 31st at the Galaxy 707.
- d) Halton Board is starting pilot project to encourage use of handheld devices in class as teaching tools.

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- e) Barbara Coloroso is conducting a seminar at the Operating Engineers Conference Centre on April 10th. Tickets are \$30.
- f) B.E.S.T. for Girls is offering session groups for young women struggling with anger.
- g) Parents for Children's Mental Health are offering a support group on parenting an anxious child on the last Wednesday in January.
- h) The on-line auction is going well.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - John Stieva.

- a) Technology – “Bring It” pilot project underway, more plugs for chargers are needed in the school, eleven Smart boards were purchased (2 for North, 9 for South), the portables will all be wireless soon (hubs on back order).
- b) Staffing – Three teachers were hired – still need 3 or 4 LTO's
- c) Information Sessions for completion of Option sheets – January 29th for grade 10/ALP, January 30th for grade 11 and 12/IB. Ms. Lemaire and Mr. Stieva to facilitate.
- d) Budget - \$567,000 at the start of September. Half of that budget has been spent to date. A large portion of the budget is allocated towards textbooks and supplements. Individual whiteboards for classes have purchased for those that wanted them.
- e) Sanctions – Sports teams are still on hold. Music festivals are cancelled. Cheerleading, some bands, drama, debate, DECCA, and Key Club are happening due to parent volunteers and creative ways around the teacher supervision issue. Semi-formal and Graduation party to go ahead with supervision by Administration.
- f) The North Kitchen renovations are complete.

8. OTHER – Sherry Kirkham

- a) Nothing to report.

Motion to Adjourn by Siobhan Parker, seconded by Mona Garde at 8:35pm.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 AT 7 P.M.