

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

Monday, October 26, 2015

Present: S. Kirkham, S. Parker, Y. Wang, S. Belford, R. Baksys, R. Rasasingham, K. Stackaruk, B. Stackaruk, B. Boyce, M. Garde, R. Kukreja, J. Sumner, V. VonBuren, H. Saleh, J. Sumner, K. Hotay, V. Von Buren, T. Hamilton, Z. Vahed, T. Ho, T. Datta

Regrets: J. Stieva, K. Amos, R. Squires

1. WELCOME - Sherry Kirkham – 7:10 pm

2. STUDENT REP REPORT – Tanuj Datta and Tom Ho

- . The Welcome Back BBQ was held on September 18th and was a good spirit builder for the students.
- . The Hallowe'en dance was cancelled due to poor ticket sales.
- . There is a pep rally on October 30th before the Pink football game against Holy Trinity.
- . The annual Grade 12 Hallowe'en Parade will be held during Period 1 on October 30th. Students are required to donate a \$2 or canned good to participate.

3. MINUTES - Siobhan Parker

Motion to approve September minutes by Rekha Kukreja and seconded by Kim Stackaruk.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Rekha Kukreja

- . On-line auction and PRO payments have been received. Statements are not available this month due to software issues.

5. NUMERACY REPORT – Paul Dawson

- . Paul will present the report in January.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT - Sherry Kirkham

- . Elections – Blair Stackaruk can no longer co-chair the Council with Sherry. However, Rekha Kukreja has agreed to discuss the position with Sherry and potentially shadow her. The following positions were acclaimed for the 2015/2016 School Council:

Chair - Sherry Kirkham

Secretary – Siobhan Parker

Treasurer – Rekha Kukreja – Rajini Rasasingham will step up as Treasurer when Rekha moves to co-chair.

Fundraising Committee – Yana Wang, Juana Sumner, Lokesh Rai, Sat Sangha, Tara Hamilton

Communications Committee – Mona Garde, Prashanti Raakulan (shadow)

Voting Members: Suchita Kohli, Hatem Saleh, Beth Boyce, Tara Hamilton, Michelle Parsons, Vilma Von Buren, Zaiyaad Vahed, Princess Sanusi, Blair Stackaruk, Rajini Rasasingham, Kim Stackaruk, Mokhtar Noka

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- . Sherry confirmed Ann Douglas for November 10th. River Oaks Public School has agreed to contribute \$250 and we are hoping to get more schools to share the cost. Motion to approve Ann Douglas as the PRO grant speaker on November 10th from 7:30pm – 8:30 pm. All in favour. Motion carried.
- . There will be another on-line auction in November. More items are needed please.
- . Feedback is required for the School Council Input for Principals report. Sherry will send out last year's form for new suggestions.
- . Many people attended the PIC conference. Feedback included: on-line registration was a bit confusing, food was very good, last sessions competed with the Speaker (done to encourage people to stay at conference), lots of choice for the small sessions, and many parents left after the lunch.
- . Program Viability Night – October 27th at 7:00 at WOSS concerning French Immersion and English streaming for elementary and secondary students.
- . Synre-voice – some parents are not receiving e-mails, especially those who have Bell Sympatico or MSN service.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Rasa Baksys

- . EQAO results were released. 94% of WOSS Grade 9 Academic students and 56% of Grade 9 Applied students achieved the provincial standard (versus 90% and 56% respectively for the HDSB). No provincial data is available.
- . The proposed budget for this year is \$467,000 including line items for textbooks, furniture, postage, instructional supplies, printing and duplicating, phone, etc. Mr. Stieva to speak about “closing the gap” at the next meeting (refurbishing the library, bringing old and new resources and physical space together).
- . To date, 57 Field trips are planned for this year.

8. OTHER – Sherry Kirkham and Sara Belford

- . Elementary school teachers, OCTU and CUPE are still on sanctions.
- . Craftstock is being held at WOSS on November 7th from 10 am – 4 pm.
- . HFFT (Halton Food for Thought) is looking for a donation from School Council. Mona suggested asking attendees at the Ann Douglas presentation for a \$2+ donation in support of HFFT.

Motion to adjourn by Princess Sanusi and seconded by Hatem Saleh at 8:43 pm.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 16th, 2015 at 7:00 pm