

**MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, September 24, 2012**

Present: Sherry Kirkham, John Stieva, Yana Wang, Sik Tiew and Siewbee Yao, Zain Khan, Raj Kahlon, Lou Smeyers, David Selkirk, Anna Blacklock, Vicki Ranger Oates, Carol Mitchell, Walid Esefan, Paula Kostasaku, Siobhan Parker, Mona Garde, Tara Hamilton and Liz Willis.

Regrets: Kelly Amos, Doug Bunney, Sabine Findlay, Sandra Bailey, Maureen Smithers

1. **WELCOME** by Sherry Kirkham.
2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** BY Zain Khan.
  - a) Student Council BBQ held in early September and made approx. \$600 in profit.
  - b) October 3<sup>rd</sup> election for Social Rep, Fundraising Rep, Spirit Rep, Grad Rep and male and female Grade Reps.
  - c) *Hallowe'en Dance October 25<sup>th</sup>.*
  - d) Zain hoped parents would encourage their grade 9's to get involved in extra curricular activities.
3. **MINUTES FROM MAY MEETING.** Motion to adopt last meeting minutes by Paula Kostasaku and seconded by Mona Garde.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham. Last online auction brought in \$478 from donated items and yearbooks. Sherry will e-mail donation request letter to Council members for this year's auction. Current balance in account is \$2,347.17. Motion to approve financial statement by Paula Kostasaku and seconded by Mona Garde.
5. **CHAIR'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham.
  - a) Nominations and Council Overview – Sherry outlined the various positions on Council and will e-mail nomination forms to everyone to complete and bring to next meeting or e-mail back.
  - b) Future Speakers and Topics – Sherry asked for suggestions for topics and speakers for next meeting. Michael Reist is on hold for November 21<sup>st</sup> to speak about Teens and Mental Health. His cost is \$800. **Motion to approve Michael Reist as the next speaker by Mona Garde, seconded by Paula Kostasaku. All in favour. Carried.** Sherry will need parents to help with flyers and on the night of the event. There is a Safety and Well Being Pillar meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm.
  - c) **PIC Conference** to be held from 8am-2:15pm at MM Robinson High School in Burlington. Keynote Speaker to be David Booth, speaking on Parents, Technology and Literacy. Sherry passed around the agenda and noted there were lots of seminars for high school parents this year.
  - e) **PRO Grant Application-** The application was successful and approved. Thank you to Maureen Smithers for completing the application.
6. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** by John Stieva.
  - a) Staffing still being worked on. Need to hire a Tech. teacher as well as a Business Manager. Interviews are underway. WOSS welcomed two new Vice Principals this year – Ken Clifton and Paul Daignault. Currently have 163 teachers on both campuses at WOSS.
  - b) Field Trips – Currently building a list, which should be available at the next meeting
  - c) Budget – Nothing to report as Business Manager position vacant.
  - d) Physical Plant – Additional windows were installed and the gym was painted.

e) University Trips – University Fair to be held at the Toronto Convention Centre on Sept. 28-30 and the College Fair is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Direct Energy Centre.

f) Bill 115 – Bill 115 has passed and is now legislation. There has been no impact at WOSS so far. The OSSTF strike vote will be held soon which might determine sanctions. Any changes/impacts to WOSS will be sudden. Mr. Stieva will e-mail updates to school population and post on school website.

**7. VIMY RIDGE TRIP PRESENTATION** by Fonda Loft.

a) Fonda discussed the Vimy Ridge trip and showed us You Tube and slide shows.

b) The Kenya 2013 trip may be postponed due to elections and subsequent potential unrest in Kenya.

c) Please contact Fonda for more information about the China 2014 trip.

**8. OTHER**

There will be a Compass program overview by C. Mistruzzi and T. Beck at the next Council meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Paula Kostaske, seconded by David Selkirk at 9:08pm.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012, AT 7 P.M.**