

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

Monday September 22, 2014

Present: Nasir Ibrahim, Muneeza Nasir, Maureen Smithers, Michelle Parsons, Rekha Kukreja, Sandeep Khanna, Goug Bunney, Jacqueline Smith, Hope Simpson, Errol Whittle, Shannoon R-Barnes, Tracey Skelton, Ameena Al Makhzomy, Maryam Huda, Paula Potter, Galina Metropolitansky, Rajini Rasasingham, Yana Wang, Tasneem Merchant, Mufazzal Merchant, Steve Choi, Sara Belford, Kim Stackaruk, Blair Stackaruk

Regrets: Siobhan Parker

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1. WELCOME Brief introductions of the table
2. STUDENT REP REPORT – Tony Mistak (PM) and Tanuj Datta (PM Elect) outlined Student Council current activities.
  - Welcome back BBQ was a hit.
  - Spirit Week September 22-26. (Tacky Tourist Day, Spirit Day, Band T-Shirt Day and the ever popular PJ Friday).
  - Friday night lights event planned at football game @ Nelson October 17
  - Halloween dance planned for October 30th

### 3. MINUTES - Sherry

Motion to approve June 2014 minutes by Kim Stackaruk  
Seconded by Maureen Smithers  
Approved.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Sherry

- Deficit of \$18,000 is a result of the feasibility study re: theatre
- PRO grant - \$500 remaining from 2013 grant
- PIC grant - \$500 from HDSB – directed toward the grade 9 Teacher/Welcome evening and BBQ
- Discussed fundraising to cover deficit to take place  
Ideas suggested: Direct request letter, line item on Cashless system

Motion to accept report as presented: Kim Stackaruk  
Seconded by Maureen Smithers  
Approved.

### 5. NUMERACY RESULTS – VP Paul Dawson

- Review of 2013 EQAO results
- HDSB results above provincial average
- WOSS – Applied 35% of students Level 3 or higher
  - Academic 95% of students Level 3 or higher

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- Next steps at WOSS – Working with other departments to connect math into overall curriculum
- WOSS is a part of a HDSB strategy to work with applied students to improve math skills

### 6. CHAIR'S REPORT – Sherry

- Review of School Council positions and roles.
- Encouraged parents to submit form to become a voting member
- Elections will take place at November meeting
- PRO grant for 2014 received – speaker will address the digital world and how it applies to education
- PIC – Annual conference is October 18<sup>th</sup> – being held at WOSS.
  - Speakers and workshop on a variety of topics aimed at elementary and high school
  - Breakfast/lunch included at no charge
  - Registration required (<http://www.hdsb.ca/Pages/Home.aspx>)
  - Child care available
- Dr. Karyn Gordon has been contacted re: possibly speaking at WOSS
- Council meetings will have a guest speaker/topic to encourage attendance followed by SC official meeting

#### General discussion:

- Steve Choi discussed book *The Dolphin Way* by Shimi King as a parent resource – philosophy countering “Tiger Parent”.
- Reminder to parents <http://www.wossweb.com/> for information re: clubs, school events, important dates etc.

### 7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva

- Start up has gone well.
- Staffing – Has been approved to hire an additional 1.5 teachers – will allow for splitting of grade 9 math classes to 22/23 students

Moves are determined by “lottery”

If your student really wants to switch classes - contact Mr. Stieva

- Budget – will be presented at November 2014 meeting
  - Additional 30 Chrome Books have been ordered bringing total available to students to 90.
- Facility – buildings are 40 years old
  - North Campus to have windows replaced
  - Gym C floor has been replaced
  - New bleachers in gym

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- New remote sound system (\$40,000) has been ordered – will be used by staff, students and for performances
- South campus windows to be replaced in spring
- Introduction of new Vice-Principals → Paul Dawson (Grade 9) and Mrs. Meena Shani (North Campus)

### 8. OTHER

Teacher's Report - Sarah Belford : No report at this time

Trustee's Report - Kelly Amos

- Has been acclaimed as area Trustee
- Halton is the only growth board in Ontario
- Meet with MPPs – discussed HDSB "Closing the Gap" policy, intended to bring facilities up to par within the board
- New elementary school being built at same time as community
- WOSS theatre feasibility study has outlined next steps for Friends of the Arts of White Oaks fundraising directive to build/support theatre
- Copy of letter to the HDSB indicating recommendations was distributed.

Motion to adjourn by Yana Wang and seconded by Kim Stockard at 9:15pm.

Next meeting: Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014