

MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2015

Present: J. Stieva, E. MacRae, S. Kirkham, S. Parker, Y. Wang, R. Rasasingham, K. Stackaruk, B. Stackaruk, A. Kerr, M. Garde, R. Kukreja, M. Parsons, W. Spence, M. Spence, C. Pauls, G. Hu, M. Yu, S. Ahmed, H. Saleh, J. Sumner, S. Mak, B. Faqiri, K. Hotay, A. Hotay, H. Simpson, P. Potter, V. Von Buren, K. Hui, T. Hamilton, A. Jamil, M. Karia El Sayed, N. Aamir, T. Li, M. Hussein, M. Jasson, S. Lang-Doe, E. Buckland, J. Smith, S. Bhatnagar, S. Sargha, L. Rai, P. Raakulan, A. Dhawan, L. Russell, Z. Vahed, P. Sanusi, D. Beaulieu

Regrets: Kelly Amos, Tanuj Datta

1. WELCOME - Sherry Kirkham – 7:10 pm

All attendees introduced themselves and briefly spoke about why they want to attend council meetings.

2. STUDENT REP REPORT – Tanuj Datta

- . The Welcome Back BBQ was held on September 18th for all grades. Veggie and beef burgers, hotdogs, cotton candy, Krispy Kremes and WOSS apparel were sold in aid of the new Oakville Trafalgar hospital.
- . The Terry Fox Run/Walk will be on September 30th during Period 1.
- . Spirit Week will be taking place during the week of September 28th including Mad Hair, Band Tee, Wild Cat Wear, Jersey Day and PJ Friday.
- . Grade Rep elections are coming soon. There will be a meeting after school on Sept. 28th for all interested students.

3. MINUTES - Siobhan Parker

Motion to approve May minutes by Mona Garde and seconded by Reikha Kukreja.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Reikha Kukreja

- . The two ways for council to raise money for Council is through fundraising and donations. The council account is running a deficit due to the theatre feasibility study. Financials will be attached to September minutes.

5. NUMERACY REPORT - Paul Dawson

- . Paul was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT - Sherry Kirkham

- . Elections – Blair Stackaruk volunteered to co-chair the Council with Sherry. Sherry encouraged attendees to apply for other Council positions including:

Secretary – Responsible for recording the minutes

Treasurer – Working with the Cashless system and the Business Manager, the Treasurer completes a monthly account summary

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Fundraising Committee – organization of on-line auctions no more than 4 x a year
Communications Committee – Creating and sending emails to parents at start-up and throughout the school year. We need a member to shadow Mona.

Sherry suggested visiting wossweb.com to familiarize yourself with the school. There is a link to School Council for meeting dates and minutes.

- . The PIC Conference is being held on October 17th at WOSS. It is a free conference with lots of great information for parents (and a free lunch!). Please go to the HDSB website to register.
- . The PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant was approved for this year! Ann Douglas is holding tentative speaking dates in November for us. Approval is needed at the next meeting with new Council members.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva

- . **Staffing** – Staffing is difficult at the beginning of the year due to unexpected events. All teachers are set now for the 2015/2016 year. There are 172 staff on two campuses with an approximate enrollment of 1,900. The projected enrollment for 2016 is 2,000, 2017 (2,100), 2018 (2,200) and then down to 1,500 for 2019 when a new high school in North Oakville should be built. We have four Vice Principals; Paul Dawson and Kate Rehm on the North and Rasa Baksys and Elaine MacRae on the South.
- . **Capital Improvements** – A new ceiling was put in the South Cafeteria as well as some new banks of lockers, 400 new desks and chairs, and new doors and windows. Air conditioning is needed and hopefully will be installed next summer. A new theatre for WOSS is still being investigated. The creation of a marketing plan for the theatre will be a McMaster/Sheridan project in September.
- . **Sanctions** - The OSSTF has ratified the Provincial portion of the agreement but are still negotiating at a local level. Currently, teachers are not attending Department or staff meetings. Extra-curricular activities are still going on.
- . **Important Dates** – Honours Night (October 7th) and Commencement (October 8th)

8. TEACHER REPORT – Sara Belford

- . Sara explained her role as liaison between Council and the teachers.
- . The Terry Fox run will be September 30th during Period 1.

9. OTHER – Sherry Kirkham

- . Kelly Amos was unable to attend the meeting due to a hiring meeting for the Director position.
- . Sherry informed Council that the PIC Conference is the weekend of October 17th at White Oaks.

Motion to adjourn by Blair Stackaruk and seconded by Siobhan Parker at 8:17pm.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 26th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

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