

# **WOSS School Council Meeting**

## **Monday, January 16, 2006**

### **Minutes**

#### **Present**

Jackie Williams, Chair; John Stieva, Principal, Bob Soden, Vice Principal; John Welsh, community representative; Parents: Kathy Batycky, Simon Khanna, Diane Moseley, Luis and Esperanza Flores, Elaine Moores and Ruth Verlinden.

#### **November 2005 Minutes**

The minutes for the November 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Student Council Report**

A member of the student council was not able to attend. However, Mr. Stieva indicated that the Food Drive and Clothing Drive, which had been organized by the student council in December, went very well. The clothing that was collected was distributed to the Salvation Army and Halton Women's Place. The Student Council has planned a semi-formal, which will be held at Le Dome in February.

#### **Staff Rep Report**

There was a presentation by Ms. Loft, with a request for a donation toward the cost of the field trip she has arranged for the Lifeskills students to see the Lord of the Rings at the Princess of Wales theatre in Toronto. The trip was scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed to provide the cost of the school bus for this trip which is \$180.00.

#### **Chair's Report**

- Jackie reported that the Halton District School Board was looking for people to volunteer to sit on the 2006/07 calendar planning committee. The first meeting was scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Jackie also reported that she had received newsletters from: (1) Halton Learning Foundation (an organization of the Board that has fundraising as its focus, by way of identifying areas of the Board that are needy but are not funded in any other way, and approaching corporations for the funds); (2) HDSB Annual Report; and (3) a Newsletter entitled "School Advocate". Everyone is welcome to read these newsletters.
- Fundraising: Jackie asked if anyone was interested in creating a committee to focus on fundraising for the School Council. As no one expressed an interest, this item will be put on a future agenda.
- April 6 speaker: The school council has booked Garfield Gini-Newman from OISE to speak to parents in the community about "brain-based" learning and its implications for parents. Council will market this session closer to the date. Elaine Moores has offered to coordinate the promotion. Mr. Soden will ask Mr. Andrews prepare a formal flyer for the council to promote this speaker. Elaine Moores will prepare a flyer for early distribution in our school.
- The next Family of Schools Meeting is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The new Director of the Halton Board was scheduled to attend this meeting, as well as the head of the Home and School Association. Jackie will not be able to attend this meeting. Simon agreed to go in her place. Simon will begin promoting our April 6 speaker at this meeting.

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#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer produced the November statement. We earned \$28 from the sale of charms. The council was charged extra bank charges due a request for information from the bank for the account's audit. The total bank balance on November 30, 005 was \$1701.33, plus the \$5000 GIC.

#### Principal's Report

- The school has scheduled a Grade 8 parent meeting for 7:30 on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The school is phoning all the grade 8 parents with a personal invitation to attend the meeting. There is an information meeting for the proposed IB program at the school on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. The school is hoping to start the IB program for the Grade 11 year in September 2007.
- The first semester exam period begins on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- Two teachers from the Lifeskills program, Christine Annis and Jennifer Gaviron, went with Mr. Soden to an information session at Sheridan College, to see if the College would be willing to start a program for the Lifeskills students.
- The Graduation committee meeting had been cancelled due to the snowstorm. It will be rescheduled for shortly after the exams. It would appear there is a division among staff, and among the students as to whether June or October is the preferred date for the graduation.

#### Principal's Profile

After the administration excused themselves from the meeting, the parent council members worked on creating a principal profile for WOSS. The key questions that structured the initial brainstorming session were

- *What makes WOSS unique? Where do we want to see the school in three years?*
- *Given WOSS's uniqueness and our goals for the school over the next three years, what characteristics do we need in a principal?*

A discussion followed where the characteristics that were listed were ranked and the top five were chosen for the profile. This profile is to be submitted to the school board by early February. The board will refer to this profile as part of the decision process when selecting a principal for WOSS in the future. Anyone interested in seeing the profile can ask Jackie. It is available in an e-file that can be e-mailed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2006.