

WOSS School Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 21, 2008
Teacher's Staff Room
7:00 pm

Minutes

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| <p>1. Welcome In attendance: Kelly Amos, chair; John Stieva, principal; John Monteiro, teacher; Kathy Batycky, secretary; Jackie Williams, past-chair; Bonnie Husain, teacher rep; Dianne Moseley, parent; Saadia Khan, parent; Tara Seeber, parent; Elaine Moores, parent; Simon Khanna, parent; Daniel Neibert, community rep.; Craig MacDonald, parent</p> | <p>K. Amos</p> |
| <p>2. Minutes from Nov. Motion passed to accept the minutes (moved by Kathy Batycky, seconded by Elaine Moores; unanimous)</p> | <p>K. Amos</p> |
| <p>3. Student Rep Report Brittany could not attend. John reported that the students have a semi-formal planned for February.</p> | <p>Brittany Sadkowski</p> |
| <p>4. Treasurer's Report Dianne Moseley led discussion about what procedure we should use to manage the bank accounts, given that Pam Cottingham, school manager will now keep track of our finances for it; Dianne suggested she cash in the \$2,600 GIC we have, in order to have funds in the bank account; Pam will have the school council funds marked in her account and the actual school council bank account will be closed; Saadia Khan will be the parent liaison Treasure who will meet with Pam Cottingham and report to council on the finances, and be a required signature on the cheques. Motion to close school council account (moved by Dianne Moseley; seconded by Tara Seeber) passed unanimously Motion to transfer the monies to an account being held by Pam Cottingham, business manager with liaison from the school council(moved by Simon Khanna and seconded by Jackie Williams) passed unanimously. Motion to cash the GIC and put the monies into the account (moved by Saadia Khan and seconded by Dianne Moseley) passed unanimously. The total monies council now has is the bank account total of \$541.71 plus \$2,600 in GIC.</p> | <p>D. Moseley/S. Khan</p> |
| <p>5. Teacher Rep Request (5 min) - donation for Teacher's lunch John Monteiro appeared to request funds for the teacher appreciation lunch which will be held on exam return day (January 31st); the teachers have received some funds from OSSTF, but need some extra; voting for this issue has been put on hold -request for Futures Program (teacher Fonda Loft) Fonda Loft wrote a letter to council requesting for \$220 to assist with the costs of a trip to the Blue Jays game; voting put on hold Motion to pay both requests passed unanimously (motion by K. Batycky and seconded by Daniel Neibert)</p> | <p>B. Husain</p> |
| <p>6. Chair's Report - Calendar sales Break even sales is 500 calendars; council has sold 300 calendars, which covers the cost of the calendars, but not the prizes (\$6,200 in prizes) It is suggested advertise the calendars as lottery, not as calendars During the first 2 weeks in February the school will hold an assembly for the students to encourage sales of the calendars, and we will advertise to the</p> | <p>K. Amos</p> |

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| <p>students and offer a prize for the first three classes that sell the most and for the top individual seller; The top three classes will have a pizza party. Jackie Williams is donating a digital photo frame; Jackie has a \$250 donation from her father; Elaine Moores is donating \$100 towards the cost of prizes for top seller; for every 10 calendars the student will get a ballot to be put into a draw for the prizes. We will also send a flyer home with the report cards; and there will be mention in the newsletter. Members of the council who are interested in brainstorming further ideas for the prizes will meet next Monday evening at the school.</p> <p>- Fundraising – Dinner Theatre The proposal is to have a dinner served during one of the musical performances which is being performed in late April/early May</p> <p>- Speakers for April – discussion lead by Elaine Maggie Mamen is one possible speaker; her cost is \$850 to \$900 (including her transportation costs from Ottawa) Elaine will let her know that we will defer it for now; we do not yet have a commitment for the parent involvement dollars</p> <p>- PARC Last meeting is this coming Thursday, to be held at WOSS, to present the proposal for amalgamation of the elementary schools in this area.</p> <p>- other Mr. Guthrie has asked if anyone would like to be a judge for the February 15th debate tournament.</p> | |
| <p>7. Principal's Report</p> <p>- Bill 212 This legislation mandates the school to create a committee to write a policy about anti-bullying, to keep the school physically safe, including cyber-bullying; the school will have the discretion to decide what penalty will be imposed, within a guideline. Once the committee finalizes the plan, they will present the plan to council.</p> <p>- Field trips French students are going to Carnival in Quebec City Rugby team are going to Barbados during March break (37 students) Drama students are going to New York in April Music students are going to Nationals in Ottawa, May 15, 16 Two students were selected to play in the National Youth Orchestra, so they will be going early with Mr. Gassi. Flute and Saxophone. They will be taking the train, and the bus will then leave later. Ski trip to Smugglers Notch at end of February, beginning of March</p> <p>- The Navigator – Gr 8 to 9 transition This is the brochure which goes to the Grade 8 students</p> <p>- School effectiveness Plan This discussion is deferred to next meeting.</p> | J. Stieva |
| <p>8. Other</p> <p>- Principal profile Council was introduced to the need to prepare this year's principal profile for our school. We will discuss this at next meeting.</p> | K. Amos |

Next Meeting Date – Monday, Feb. 25, 2008