



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 3, 2012

A. Koklis called the April meeting of 2012 to order at 6:35 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place.

In Attendance

Principal R. Gallant, Vice Principal B. Monkley, Staff Representative C. Kaus, Chair A. Koklis, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, L. Hicks, B. Zamon

Regrets:

Vice Principal E. Wilkie, S. Lambier, Secretary C. Anderson, W. Burley, M. Taylor

Approval of Minutes

The March Minutes were approved with no additions or deletions reported. Approved minutes will be forwarded to School Council as well as Superintendent Figueiredo and Trustee Peddle.

Reports

1. Principal's Report—R. Gallant

Mr. Gallant informed Council that in early March, Supt. Figueiredo visited our school. He visits approximately 4 times per year. They visited our Phys Ed area, music vocal class and the Cosmo room. He was pampered with a mini manicure. They then discussed staffing, budgeting, AOP (Annual Operating Plan) and SEF (School Effectiveness Framework).

Mrs. Vamos our math and physEd teacher was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame. She will be recognized at the Board meeting on April 30 with the Profiling Excellence Award.

Mr. Gallant asked if anyone Council members qualified for the Profiling Excellence Volunteer awards. They are recognizing and celebrating the school volunteers who have reached designated milestones years of 3, 5, 7 and 9 plus with special recognition to those reaching 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of volunteering. Anyone who qualified needed to send him an email with their volunteer history.

OSSLT were completed last week. The attendance was great. Staff did a great job to identify kids in need. Next week will be numeracy week. Staff have a lot of things planned for the students.

Friday April 27 will be a PD day. Staff will focus on the AER (Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting). Parents are welcome to attend this, please inform the office if you plan on attending.

Forty students and 5 teachers leave on Thursday for their trip to Italy.

There will be an assembly on April 20 regarding Earth Day. Activities are also planned for each day of the week.

Mid semester reports will go home Thursday April 26, 2012.

On April 24 the numbers for staff will be reviewed for the next school year. The timetables will be created the first week of May. Students were given their option sheets to take home and have their parents sign for next year. Our numbers are down for 2012-2013, we are getting 40% of students from our grade 8 feeder schools. Last year Sherwood had 240 grade 9's, next year the number is approx 150.

2. Vice-Principals' Report—B. Monkley

Last Tuesday the grade 9 students were in an assembly that focused on Bullying. There was also a presentation on homophobic students. This topic was felt to be too bold for the grade 9 students to attend. The presentation was very powerful regarding suicidal tendencies of students that are not sure of their sexuality.

On April 17 there will be a presentation held at Barton High School at 7pm regarding Bullying. April 24 there will be an assembly on anti-bullying for grade's 9 and 10, possibly the grade 11 will also be in attendance. April 11th is wear pink to school for Anti-bullying day, and to be good to each other. Most schools in our Board have already had this assembly.

The Sherwood Appearance Code has been updated and measures taken to enforce it by staff. It can be viewed on-line or parents with questions can contact the school directly. Highlights of the updated code are: "Students should be neat and clean in their appearance and in their habits. The key words concerning appearance are that students should dress "in good taste" and in a manner appropriate to a learning and working environment." Some unacceptable clothing at school includes, but is not limited to: bare midriffs, cut-off shorts, tank/tube/undershirt tops, or clothing which reveal undergarments.

Pants must be pulled up and worn so that the waist is covered and clothing beneath the pants is not visible.

Students shall not wear: clothing with suggestive/objectable printing or visuals that reveal advertisements for violence, alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco or that make political statements, bandanas, accessories with spikes, and the wearing of sunglasses are not permitted in school. Students who refuse to conform to the appearance code will be sent to the Main Office.

The last school dance was cancelled because not enough tickets were sold. There were only 60 sold and the Student Council needed 100 to make it a go.

3. Staff Report—C. Kaus

The "Cops and Cats Basketball Game" will be held tomorrow at 1:00 during 5th period. Students can buy \$2.00 to attend the game. All proceeds are for McMaster Sick Kids Hospital.

OFFSA hockey was 3rd in their pool. The 2 games they lost were 2-0 and 2-1...it was very close.

Spencer Abbott, a graduate from Sherwood was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs. Sherwood is very proud of him.

This year we will have approximately 250 students graduating. The gym will be open with a live feed from the auditorium because of the large number of families that will be attending. This year students can purchase a DVD of the graduation for \$20.00. The following dates are for our Graduates of 2012;

Tuesday April 17 – Graduation Information Assembly

April 26 – Graduation Information sheet due

May 7 – Valedictorian Process begins, Graduation Letter

May 11 – Deadline for volunteer hours

May 17 – Graduation Dinner Dance

May 24 – Valedictorian Interviews

May 25 – ILC's due to Red Hill

June 5 – Graduation Rehearsal

June 28 – Graduation Ceremony

April 26 there will be the Music Dept's "Electric Coffee House". The Electric Coffee House has a professional sound crew come in and it's much louder than the Fall Acoustic House. The funds go back to either their music program or a charity of their choice.

Teachers are very pleased, and really liking the updated late policy. There has been a dramatic decrease in tardiness, especially after the lunch break.

Spring sports are underway and there are several sports to choose from. Track, baseball, soccer, badminton and Jr. football are just a few. For a full listing of the sports and schedules, please visit our Sherwood Website: www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood

4. Student Council Report— E. Kneisz

Student Council not in attendance, nothing to report.

Open Issues

1. Plant and Safety—R. Gallant

Mr. Gallant announced that we have a new P.A. system. The system is also portable. We now have Chillers as well, which are also portable. During the monthly walk about the school, it was found that there are some tiles on the 3rd floor that are still in need of fixing.

2. ARC—A. Koklis

Chair Koklis updated the group on the status of the letter that was submitted to the School Trustees. It was heard and dealt with at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 26th. The same Sherwood members attended and during the question period at the end of the evening, Chair Koklis questioned the Board and Trustees as to what was happening with our letter and asked if we were going to have our questions about the ARC process and the Saltfleet catchment answered. The CTW Chair advised we could discuss the Saltfleet issues with our Supt. Mr. Figuereido. The ARC questions could be discussed at the April 23rd meeting, if we wished to attend. We advised council we would be attending and seeing it through.

Chair Koklis also gave a reminder for the April 10 Special Hearing down at the Board for South ARC. The students want to round up as many students and parents as they can to attend and support their presentations. She also advised that a few council members and moms, and some staff were still working with the Student Council to help them prepare their presentations for the Hearing. They are going to present 6 delegations and the planning stages were going well.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. New Business: School Council Boards—A. Koklis

See ARC notes above. Update from the March 26 Committee of the Whole.

2. Correspondence—N/A

3. Announcements— A. Koklis

See ARC notes above. A reminder of the Special Hearing for South ARC.

No more meetings until the Fall (Sept 11th)

Next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 1, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. in the school Library. Since it is the last meeting before next fall, Mr. Gallant is ordering in food. We will be starting meeting slightly earlier than normal. He needs to get confirmation of how many will be in attendance. Chair Koklis is supplying the dessert.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
