



# Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by A. Koklis at 6:34 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance.

## In Attendance

V.P. E. Wilkie, V.P. W. Yarr, Chair A. Koklis, C. Anderson (recording secretary), R. Gagnon, D. Wilson, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, A. Vernon

Regrets: Principal R. Gallant, Staff Representative S. Valeri, Student Council President L. Fletcher, T. Bender and B. Gerrish

## Approval of Minutes

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

## Reports

### 1. Principal's/Vice Principal's Report—E. Wilkie and W. Yarr

Numeracy Week begins April 11, 2011. Grade 9 students will have 10-15 minutes at the beginning of class to work on activities to help develop basic numeracy skills. The grades 10, 11 and 12 classes will be completing daily logic puzzles. Students are also encouraged during numeracy week on single lunch days to join in for some fun in the front foyer for some math activities.

April 21-29, 2011 the grade 12 History class will be visiting Europe. There was a great turn out this year with approximately 50 students and teachers participating. The trip includes a visit to Spain, Barcelona and Madrid. Bonne Voyage!!

Anti-bullying/Safety in School week starts April 11, 2011. Sherwood is participating in "Wear Pink for Anti-Bullying Day" on Wednesday April 13, 2011. This day is a Canada wide event that started in Nova Scotia when a young boy wearing a pink shirt was the victim of bullying. Sherwood will be selling special pink shirts advertising "speak out" to students who wish to purchase one. There will be an assembly for all students during period 2.

March 31, 2011 was the OSSLT Literacy Test. There were 371 students from Grade 10 and some second time students from higher grades writing this year. The testing went well thanks to the great team we have here at Sherwood. This year personal electronic devices (P.E.D) were not permitted during testing. The teachers were obligated to place any student's test (who was caught using a P.E.D. during the test) into an "issues envelope" as per the guidelines. The students however were allowed to complete the test. Luckily, they only had a small handful of students that had been found to have P.E.D.'s in their possession. Results from the testing are expected to be available the week of June 20 - 24, 2011.

Mid term report cards will be sent home on Thursday April 28, 2011.

Grade 12 graduation information assembly has been switched from April 14, 2011 to April 19, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

### 2. Staff Report—E. Wilkie and W. Yarr for S. Valeri

Spring has arrived, which brings new sports to Sherwood. The new sports include track and field, badminton, junior boy's hockey, junior football, boy's and girl's soccer, boy's and girl's rugby, girl's slo-pitch, boy's baseball and possibly co-ed volleyball.

On March 29, 2011 Sherwood held a basketball game "Cops and Cats" (Hamilton Police and Hamilton Tiger-Cats) against the boys and girls basketball teams. There was a great turn out of students. Sherwood raised almost \$800 for McMaster Sick Kid's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

On April 12, 2011 there will be a Student vs Teacher Hockey Game at Chedoke Twin Pad arena. The teachers will be playing against the Sherwood girls' and boys' hockey teams. Students may buy-in to attend the game to cheer on the teams for \$5.00 (per ticket) or \$7.00 (ticket and transportation). All the money raised will go to a Sherwood student who is sadly battling cancer.

Cancer Assistance Program (CAP) bowl-a-thon will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2011. Principal Gallant and a team of students will be bowling to raise money for the Cancer Assistance Program.

"Climb for Cancer" is being held on April 27. More details to follow.

### **3. Student Council Report—E. Wilkie and W. Yarr for L. Fletcher**

#### *Wacky Olympics*

Students and teachers can drop off gently used clothing in the front foyer. The clothing drive will be held till May 12, 2011. The clothing will be donated to various shelters or walk-in closets at participating HWDSB schools.

### **Open Issues**

#### **1. Plant & Safety—W. Yarr**

In the ARC statement, Sherwood was mentioned with the safety issues. Sherwood was inspected and there were certain compliances placed on Sherwood, minor only. We are close to 100% in compliance with all except 7 of the 10 issues. These remaining issues will be in compliance by the end of the week.

#### **2. ARC/ New ARC Member—A. Koklis**

Ms. Koklis has given her resignation as a voting parent representative on the South ARC for Sherwood (due to personal issues). Mr. Ken Durkacz (Department Head of English) who is also a Sherwood parent of a grade 10 student, would like to volunteer to replace her. The motion was made by Angela Koklis and Don Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimous decision and all were in favour. Chair Koklis will send the appropriate formal notification to the Board to advise. Thanks go out to Ken for coming forward to help Sherwood.

The next scheduled public ARC meeting will be held at Sherwood School on Tuesday April 26, 2011 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. We are hoping many Sherwood families, staff and community members attend. A notice will be posted in the council showcase in the lobby.

### **New Business/Correspondence/Announcements**

#### **1. School Council Summer Newsletter- A. Koklis**

It was agreed that the School Council Newsletter for summer will still be hard copy format so that it can be distributed to Sherwood families, along with the end of year School Newsletter and School Council Annual Report. Chair Koklis will have the newsletter and annual report drafted and ready for approval for the May Council meeting in order to meet timelines for the office. Included in the newsletter will be a notice to advise Sherwood families that starting next school term, School Council Newsletters will be posted electronically on our school website. Also included in the newsletter will be the ballot for school council nominations for the 2011-2012 school term.

#### **2. Correspondence- A. Koklis**

**\$500 Parent Engagement Funds—**School magnets (that we have ordered in the past) were discussed at our December meeting as our choice for using our funds. The new quote and graphic design were pre-approved and will be ordered. All council members in attendance were in favour of purchasing 1000 magnets with the funds. Any shortage of funds will be paid for by the School. The magnets will be distributed to *families via the 2011/2012 student summer package and class schedule.*

**Parent Seminar-** "Making Decisions with a Teenage Brain" seminar will be held on April 12, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Michaelangelo Banquet Centre. Guest speaker is Dr. Judith Herrman. All parents are welcome to this no charge seminar.

**Special Ed Open House-** The S.E.A.C. (Special Education Advisory Committee) invites all parents and community service professionals to a Special Education Student Service Open House on April 28, 2011 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Education Centre, 100 Main Street West, Hamilton.

**School Council Website-** The School Council website remains partially out of date. For historical reasons, we should consider having 4 years of newsletters on the website, to coincide with the 4 years of hardcopies we are required to have as well. Ms. Yarr will inquire with Student Services to see if there is a Sherwood student who could design and update our website for part of their volunteer or co-op hours. She will follow up with information to Chair Koklis and R. Gagnon.

### **Next School Council Meeting**

Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**