



## Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday December 5, 2012

Vice Chair B. Della Maestra called the December meeting of 2012 to order at 6:35 p.m. B. Della Maestra welcomed everyone in attendance.

### In Attendance

N. Lewis, P. Perry, D. Coles, W. Burley, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, J. Clarke, Principal R. Gallant, K. Kennedy-Brown, Vice-Principal B. Monkley, Student Council President F. Susic, G. Winger.

Regrets: A. Koklis, C. Kaus, C. Anderson

### Approval of Minutes

The November Minutes were approved with no additions or deletions. Approved minutes will be sent out to the group as well as being forwarded to Superintendent Figueiredo and Trustee Peddle.

### Reports

#### 1. Principal's Report—R. Gallant

Mr. Gallant gave an update on "Movember". They raised \$2800 this year, which totalled over \$10,000 for the past 4 years. There were 354 schools participating in Movember this year. Sherwood ended up in 15<sup>th</sup> place, with Hillpark just ahead of us in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Sherwood's "Music Night", there were over 500 people in attendance. The largest attendance so far for the past 5 years. Each year the program is getting stronger and stronger. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Baker, Mr. Malcew and Mrs. Church for all their hard work and dedication.

November 21<sup>st</sup> was the Grade 8 Open House. There were approximately 300 in attendance in the auditorium. There was a larger showing of out of catchment kids this time.

Effective September 2013, OFFSA is implementing a new policy regarding school sports' programs. As of then, if you are newly attending a school out of your regular catchment, for a specific sport program (i.e. hockey, volleyball, basketball, etc), that student will not be able to play on the school team for that specific sport. This new policy will be grandfathered for all current students. This applies only to new students coming to Sherwood.

The Jr/Sr Girls' Volleyball tournament went very well, but they lost in the semi finals.

The Indigo Fundraiser they had an excellent show of support again this year, raising over \$750 for our library. This was \$40 more than what was raised last year. Thanks go out to all staff, students and families who supported this event.

The number of students is 1,092. This is 10 pupil spaces down from the projection of 1,102. There is no loss of staff for semester 2.

There have been 2 deaths with Sherwood staff recently. It has been an extremely sad and hard time for all the staff to get through. Carolyn and Janine were both very special and will be missed greatly by all the Sherwood staff. Staff and administration will be looking at immediate ways to help the families. They are also discussing the possibility of doing a fundraiser.... Ms. Morris at Sherwood was Janine's sister. There is a memorial on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for Janine, and a memorial on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for Carolyn.

January 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a sign up for Grade 9 Exam prep. Listen for announcements.

#### 2. Vice-Principals' Report—B. Monkley

The week of November 19 was Anti-Bullying week. There is a hotline that kids are encouraged to call 1-800-668-6868. The Mixed Company Theater is re-scheduling to come in early May for their presentation about anti-bullying and having a respectful school environment. The Student Council will be selling bracelets to promote the message "Stand Up and Speak Out". The Golden Rule is treat others the way you want to be treated.

#### 3. Staff Report—

None this month

#### **4. Student Council Report— F. Susic**

In the near future the “5 days of Christmas” is replacing the 12 days of Christmas (originally planned for). This is due to time restraints and the teacher’s sanctions. Each day a new event will take place to promote the Christmas spirit in the school.

They are hoping near Christmas to have a bake sale with funds being raised for teachers who recently passed away. More information to follow. (Janine and Carolyn)

On Dec 20 the plan is to have a Swiss chalet fundraiser. The plan is to have students pre-purchase ahead of time.

The kick off for “Raise the Roof” is planned for Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a nation-wide event that raises awareness on the severity of poverty and homelessness not only in our community, but across Canada. It will take place over lunch hour with over 50 students involved in the media launch and speakers. Toques are being sold for \$10 each, money going to homeless youth. Re: shelter, home skills, etc Statistics show that there are approximately 600-700 homeless youth and another 4000-5000 homeless adults in Hamilton. Tuesday at lunch Bruiser the Bulldog is coming to visit the school for the kick off. Sherwood is very proud to be hosting it.

The "Share Sherwood Smiles" is going to be a project that the council is working on with the goal of spreading positivity around the school. The purpose of this project would be to try to deter negativity between peers, within our school, ultimately improving Sherwood’s atmosphere. Plans are to have council going around the school taking pictures of people smiling and they would post them, possibly going to video with comments as well, etc. Plans to have this project run through the whole year.

Sherwood clothing sales hopefully will be prior to Christmas break (sweaters, shirts etc) but due to circumstances it may be after break now.

Winter Carnival to promote school spirit within the school, following the exams sometime in the new year.

Discussing semi formal dances, etc... in the future.

#### **Open Issues**

##### **1. Plant & Safety—R. Gallant**

There is going to be new carpet installed in the music room on Dec 28 and 29.

Discussions have taken place about the gym floor buckling, etc.... they haven’t made their final decisions about what they are doing about it.

The heating seems to be ok now, boilers are fine. The cooling system (chillers) haven’t heard about the repairs yet.

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

##### **1. New Business— R. Gallant**

He gave an update on teachers strike stating something will go home to parents tomorrow. The principal and both VP’s were supervising the gym, the cafeteria, the Special Ed class, the library, and the DD class. We also had school bus drivers volunteering in the cafeteria supervising and cleaning tables. The library was closed. There were 2 Board EA’s, one for Special Needs class, and 1 for upstairs class. One supply teacher to cover the gym. We had Mr. Gallant and both VP’s walking the whole school to oversee things. Then starting Monday even though teachers are going through sanctions, they will still be addressing immediate issues for students. All athletics, including tournaments, music performances and field trips are postponed. EQAO, no administrating of it. Literacy on April 11 may be affected now. There will be no IT available during sanctions either, these will have to go to administration.

**2. Correspondence—** The Parent Engagement Funds Q & A was handed out to all members. They were asked to read it over as it is being re-tabled for February’s meeting.

**3. Announcements—**No New Announcements

#### **Next School Council Meeting**

Wednesday February 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

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