



## Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday December 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by A. Koklis at 6:30 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place.

### In Attendance

Principal R. Gallant, VP E. Wilkie, Staff Representative S. Valeri, Head of History Dept S. Jones, Superintendent of Education M. Figueiredo, Student Council President L. Fletcher, Student Council Secretary K. Francoeur, Chair A. Koklis, C. Anderson (recording secretary), R. Gagnon, D. Wilson, D Della Maestra, Blair Gerrish, A. Vernon

Regrets: B. Della Maestra, T. Bender

Chair Koklis and members welcomed Superintendent of Education Mr. Manny Figueiredo to our December 2010 School Council Meeting. Mr. Figueiredo took the opportunity to introduce himself to everyone and gave council an overview of his background and position as Superintendent.

### Staff Presentation

Chair Koklis welcomed Mr. Jones, Head of History to School Council. This is the first presentation to School Council from the History Department. History is offered in grade 10 to the students. After grade 10, history is an optional credit for grades 11 and 12. The History Department is pleased with the number of students who have enrolled this year. There were just fewer than 1000 students from grades 10 to 12, which is much higher than the mandatory 300 students.

Mr. Jones presented a slide show on previous trips to Montreal for the Grade 10 history class. The students will be departing on May 25 and returning May 27, 2011. Some of the places the students will visit are Vieux (Old) Montreal, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Biodome and The Museum of Archaeology and History. There is also shopping time allowed for the students. The History trips are offered annually and is usually either to Ottawa or Montreal. In addition to the grade 10 trip, a senior's trip is in the planning stages for Chicago for the springtime.

### Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved with no additions or deletions reported. Approved minutes will be forwarded to Superintendent Figueiredo and Trustee Peddle along with council members and principal staff.

### Reports

#### 1. Principal's Report—R. Gallant

- Congratulations to the Sherwood Moustaches who raised over \$2000.00 for "Movember Canada". Thanks to all who donated to Sherwood and to this great cause. Movember Canada was listed as #1 in the world.
- At Music Night on Thursday, there was an art display from the students. Some of the entertainers were the Repertoire Band, beginners and the enrichment (students from Grades 7, 8 and 9).
- There were over 400 students recognized at the Awards Assembly on November 3, 2010. Next year we will plan to schedule the assembly in the morning. On the same day 87% of our Grade 9 students participated in Take your Kids to Work Day.
- On November 24<sup>th</sup> Sherwood hosted an Open House for Parents of future grade 9 students. The Open House at Sherwood is usually held later in the school year, but was changed to align with other secondary schools in the area. Feedback received found attendance to be approximately the same.
- Sherwood's Annual Air Band Competition is to be held on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am. There will be performances from the staff and students, as well as the Dance Class performing. Admission will be \$2, all are welcome to attend.
- This year Sherwood is staffing 1240 students. Sherwood will be hiring 5 teachers for February 2011.
- Sherwood will be trying a pilot project second semester. The project involves single lunch days, two days a week for the entire semester. There may be challenges, especially with the limited space in our cafeteria, but since the new nutrition plan was implemented, many of the students leave the school to eat elsewhere. Staff will be reporting back on all issues, everything will be taken into consideration for the decision for next school year.

## **2. Vice Principals' Report—E. Wilkie**

-November was Literacy month at Sherwood. Sherwood had a 2 week block for silent reading. There was 4 minutes taken from each class to set aside a 15 minute silent reading block for students and staff. This was a great success; it became part of our culture at Sherwood.

-There was high student participation at our Remembrance Day Assembly put on by the Drama Department. Our guest speaker Captain Tim Brody was incredible; and really reached out to the students. Feedback was very positive and most felt it was emotionally charged.

-Sherwood had their first Lockdown on December 7, 2010. They encouraged the students to clear the hallways and get to a safe area. All glass windows, including those on doors, are covered in the classrooms, students are silent, lights turned off and everyone is to be as far away as possible from the door. Everyone remains secure and quiet until the all clear signals.

## **3. Staff Report— S. Valeri**

-On December 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a grade 8 elementary floor ball tournament in our gym at Sherwood. Students from a variety of schools will be participating.

-Anti-bullying was very powerful and teachers received excellent feedback from the students.

-The Phys-Ed Department is very busy as well with upcoming games for JR and SR girl's volleyball, boy's and girl's hockey, boy's water polo and boy's basketball.

## **4. Student Council Report— L. Fletcher and K. Francoeur**

-The November Spirit Event "Bud the Spud" went well and everyone had a blast.

-There is a Food Drive that started in Mid November and runs till December 16<sup>th</sup>. So far it is going well. We are encouraging all students to participate and bring in canned food.

-We are holding a door decorating contest which will end on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

-Student Council also collected over 900 new mittens, socks and gloves with our "MSG Campaign". The new items were donated to City Kidz and the Salvation Army.

-They are busy preparing for the Annual Air Band on December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be performances from a group of teachers and a group of grade 12 students. There will also be prizes for the top 3 airband winners.

-Student Council is holding a breakfast meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> and each member will be donating a toy for City Kidz.

-The Student Council would like to hold a dance in February. They are searching for ten teachers to chaperone and looking to get permission. Student Council is currently discussing this issue with the Principal.

-On December 17<sup>th</sup>, there is a Crazy Christmas Sweater Day held by the SAC Committee.

## **Open Issues**

### **1. Plant & Safety—R. Gallant**

Recently at Sherwood we had a surprise Fire Inspection. There were approximately 20 compliance issues for the school to correct. Some of the issues included doors not working and combustible materials in stairwells. The school is given a certain period to comply with the outstanding issues. Staff and students are working together to see it all gets done in a timely manner.

### **2. Parent Engagement Fund—A. Koklis**

With the \$500 that the Board of Education has granted for Parent Engagement Funds, the Council spoke of ideas on the best use of the money. School magnets were used in the past and were well received and found to be very useful for Sherwood parents at home. Other possibilities were stick-it notes, pens or pencils. Council has agreed to purchase 1000 school magnets for our families. If the costs go over the \$500 council was allotted, Mr. Gallant agreed that the school will pick up the remainder of the costs.

The magnets will include our crest, a photo of the school, the address, email, websites, phone numbers etc. Don Wilson brought the motion forward, Cindy Anderson second the motion. All were in favour. Chair Koklis will look after ordering them and having them shipped to the school. They are not needed until the end of the summer. They will be distributed with the student's timetables when they come in to pick them up at the end of August.

### **3. ARC - R. Gallant, A. Koklis, M. Figueiredo**

-Mr. Gallant started off by explaining the role of the ARC members, what the commitment was expected to be, the role that each member would play. The ARC committee will have a year's worth of meetings. At the second meeting of the year, the Board staff will be providing background statistical information to the ARC. It will be a lengthy, in depth process that will be discussed within each cluster of schools.

-M. Figueiredo added some extra points and additional information. Explained that if schools have trouble bringing forward two members each, the Board must move forward with the process anyway. Explained the process the committee will be going through.

- Chair Koklis asked council members if anyone had decided to come forward as voting member. A. Koklis had previously emailed the council twice asking for an additional member, along with herself. Amanda Vernon attended the information session on our behalf since it fell on the same night our grade 8 Parent Night. She

advised that the Board said voting members are not allowed to miss two consecutive meetings, and both voting members from each school should attend the meetings together as new, important information will be discussed and presented at each meeting. Amanda Vernon said she will think about joining and confirm with me the following day.

- Mr. Gallant advised that another person who is an option is teacher Jackie Brown; she is also a Sherwood parent. She is allowed to sit in as a voting member from a parent's role. Mr. Gallant will advise me of her decision as well.

**New Business/Correspondence/Announcements**

**1. New Business- School Website** (Due to meeting running later than expected, the website discussion is tabled for our February meeting)

**2. Correspondence**— none

**3. Announcements**— none

**Next School Council Meeting**

Tuesday February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library. Staff presentation will be announced prior to.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**

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