



# Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday February 7, 2012

A. Koklis called the February meeting of 2012 to order at 6:36 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place.

## In Attendance

Vice Principal B. Monkley, Vice Principal E. Wilkie, Staff Representative C. Kaus, Student Council A. Spiwak and D. McMullen, Chair A. Koklis, Secretary C. Anderson, W. Burley, B. Della Maestra, W. Goodfellow, L. Hicks, K. Kennedy-Brown, S. Lambier, M. Taylor and Brock Students B. Dilks, F. Fowl and K. Fraser

Regrets:

Principal R. Gallant, T. Bender

## Approval of Minutes

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

## Reports

### 1. Principal's Report—V.P. Wilkie for Principal Gallant

Semester 1 final report cards are on track and scheduled to be sent home on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Semester 2 is well underway. Enrolment for Semester 2 was down slightly compared to Semester 1. Classes are full this semester especially the senior classes. Sherwood welcomes Mr. Teufel back to the teaching staff this semester.

Principal Gallant was honoured to receive a letter from McMaster University congratulating 4 of our students being awarded with "Honourable Mention for the Math@Mac Online Mathematics Competition" on November 30, 2011. Thanks went out to all the students who participated and a big thank you to Ms. Theodoropoulos who registered 36 teams of Sherwood students in Grades 10 to 12.

Principal Gallant, Ms. Pankerichan and the staff at Sherwood were very pleased when they received a letter from Sergeant Jon Alsbergas at the Hamilton Police Service's Use of Force department recognizing a student from the Co-Operative Education Programme. Sergeant Alsbergas did comment that "the student was one of the best, if not the best Co-Op Student to ever assist us in the Use of Force and I would not hesitate to recommend him for any future school or work placement". Congratulations!

The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton sent a letter of heartfelt thanks for the kindness and generosity Sherwood showed over the holidays. Through the Family Sponsorship Program, Sherwood assisted in providing Christmas memories and gifts to 435 families. A big thank you to Ms. McKague, staff and students for reaching out and making these families smile on Christmas morning!

### 2. Vice-Principals' Report—E. Wilkie and B. Monkley

Option assembly for school year 2012/13 is scheduled for February 15 and 16. Forms are to be signed and returned to the school by February 27, 2012. Online option entry will be held the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sherwood is preparing for the Literacy Test in the spring. We will offer an "after school literacy program" which will be held for one hour two times per week for five weeks. The program will offer one on one extra support. Letters to be sent home with further information.

Sherwood is currently updating the "Appearance Code". The item that will be added to the Code is for students to wear their jeans at the waist and not be able to see their undergarments. Sherwood is also focusing on Anti-Bullying.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, Sherwood will be implementing the revised Late Policy. Parents can expect to hear a synervice message and also can view the policy on the school website. Classroom teachers, announcements, as well as awareness campaigns have informed students of the Late Policy. If a student arrives late for a class with out a valid reason or excuse, the student will be asked to record the late in the classroom late binder. If a student is not in their desk by the time the music has stopped playing, technically they are classed as "late" for class. When the tardiness becomes a routine, the student will have certain consequences to follow, and parents may be contacted.

### **3. Staff Report—C. Kaus**

Congratulations to six girls from Sherwood who made the National Girls Floor Hockey Team overseas. They will travel to Europe in the springtime to compete. More details to follow.

Teachers are excited about the new “Attendance and Late Policy” that is being implemented. This will cut back on students disturbing the classes when arriving late to class. Teachers are encouraging students to arrive to class on time.

The library is focusing on Ethical Research with the Grade 10 students. One of the topics the students are focusing on is “What is real versus copying?”

### **4. Student Council Report— A. Spiwak and D. McMullen**

During the exam break Student Council welcomed “Eight to Saints” to Sherwood. Eight to Saints is for Grade 8 students from our feeder schools to come and “tour” Sherwood. It was very successful again this year and very well organized. The Grade 8 students as well as the Saints had a great time! Thanks to all who participated!

Valentine candy grams are on sale. Student Council received a super deal on the candy...500 pieces for \$5.00. The Pep Rally will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Sports, games and green and white day are just a few activities going on.

Student Council is currently working on a proposal to bring back school dances. They are working with the Guidance Department. There is a process for school dances and many factors for them to consider. Sherwood has its very own “DJ” student who has volunteered to DJ for the night. Some of the funds raised would go towards the Police/Security needed. Students would have to have a signed contract from parents in order to be able to attend the dance.

### **Open Issues**

#### **1. ARC—C. Kaus**

Although all official meetings are over, there are still some very important dates ahead. On February 13<sup>th</sup> the ARC will be presenting their recommendations to the Trustees. On April 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a four hour Special Public Hearing in order for the public to have their voices heard. Details are on the Board of Education Website.

While visiting our feeder schools, Counsellors did mention that it is “business as usual”.

#### **2. Plant and Safety—B. Monkley**

Board inspections took place in November. We are currently working on getting a camera to go outside the library.

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

#### **1. a) New Business: School Council Boards—A. Koklis**

School Council Boards are “MIA” (missing in action) since the last Parent’s Night. We are asking if anyone has seen them to please advise the office. They are needed for March Parent Night.

#### **1. b) New Business: Planning for Delegation—L. Hicks**

Council Member L. Hicks has some wonderful ideas for the April 10<sup>th</sup> ARC Special Hearing. Lynn would like to see Sherwood community be ready for this meeting. One main idea was to involve our students. The student’s voice is very powerful! Both Chair Koklis and Lynn will be meeting with Student Council in the near future to discuss options for presentations that the students could use. These ideas include involving the Art Department, our successful Hockey Program Sherwood has to offer, our repertoire band, focus on our location as a positive point...lets have our Photography students take pictures of our location. Visit the community around Sherwood and get their support. We also need the support from our feeder schools.

#### **2. Correspondence—A. Koklis nothing to report.**

#### **3. Announcements—A. Koklis**

The Board of Education has granted Sherwood School Council with the annual \$500 for Parent Engagement Funds. These funds were already deposited into the Council account. Chair Koklis asked Council Members what could School Council use with these funds? Ideas are greatly appreciated.

Chair Koklis is looking for some story ideas or interesting Sherwood trivia to add to the March Council Newsletter. The newsletter will be ready for Parent’s Night. Some ideas brought forward were to include the new Code of Appearance, Peer Tutoring and ARC updates and concerns.

**Next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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