



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday March 6, 2012

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

In Attendance

Principal R. Gallant, Vice Principal B. Monkley, Superintendent M. Figueiredo, Staff Representative C. Kaus, Student Council E. Kneisz, Chair A. Koklis, Secretary C. Anderson, T. Bender, W. Burley, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, W. Goodfellow, L. Hicks, K. Kennedy-Brown, S. Lambier, M. Taylor

Regrets

Vice Principal E. Wilkie

Approval of Minutes

The February 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

The Online Option Entry for the school year 2012-2013 went very well. Parents will be receiving the schedule for their children to review, sign and return to school.

Preliminary Reports were sent home to parents on March 5th. The format for the report is electronic and the key component is the learning skills.

A big congratulations go to the Boys Basketball Team who made it to the semi-finals for OFFSA, great job Sherwood. We wish our Hockey Team best wishes as they head off to OFFSA during the week of March 21 to 24th.

Mr. Baker and the Sherwood Jazz Band qualified for Provincials in May. Congratulations!

The Grade Ten Literacy Test will be held on the morning of Thursday March 29th from 8:30 to 11:30. There will be two test booklets and each student will complete each test booklet in 75 minutes, plus a questionnaire. There will be a break for the students between booklets. Mr. Grant will be holding a presentation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on March 7th during Parent's Night. Please visit the Literacy display at Parent's Night for any parents or guardians with questions or concerns. Flyers were sent home with Grade 10 students.

2. Vice-Principals' Report—B. Monkley

During the week of February 3rd, a new Late Policy was introduced to Sherwood and we are very pleased with how effective it has gone so far. The students seem to be adhering to it and there is a noticeable difference.

Morning announcements are encouraging students to remember to use garbage and recycle boxes; food is only permitted in front hallway and cafeteria, to reduce the litter in and around our school.

The staff at Sherwood continue to encourage students to "Speak Up and Speak Out" about Bullying. The second semester has started off quieter than last!

3. Staff Report—C. Kaus

Spring is around the corner and so is our "Spring Clothing Drive" From March 19th to April 19th, we are accepting donations in the front hallway. Please go through yours and your teens' closets, we appreciate your assistance in our Drive!

Tickets for Prom and Grad go on sale March 19th to and including March 26th. Be sure to purchase your tickets.

Cats and Cops Charity Basketball game being held on April 4th. Kids can buyout to attend.

Teachers are very pleased, and really liking the 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 will be holding a School Dance on Thursday March 22nd, opened only to Sherwood students. A student from Sherwood has volunteered to be the DJ for the night. The policy will be printed on each ticket and a place for parents to sign, along with the student. The ticket must also match the name and photo of the student identification of each student (to be shown for admittance). For further information please visit the school website. We also ask that parents are available in case of any issues.

Open Issues

1. Plant and Safety—R. Gallant and B. Monkley

There has been some minor issues with the PA Systems, we are currently working on repairing it. The internal and external cameras are in process of being replaced to get them up and running again. We are replacing the carpet in the Drama room during March Break.

2. ARC—A. Koklis

Chair Koklis advised the group that her and some other Sherwood moms and council members attended a Committee of the Whole meeting at the Board. The Sherwood letter that was submitted on behalf of our group was added to the Trustee's agenda. Unfortunately the meeting started very late and fell short on time. Our agenda item and Sherwood letter was never discussed. The Sherwood moms sat for over 4 hours and ended up leaving with no action taken. Principal Gallant and Supt. Figueiredo advised the committee has to follow up with it and add it to a future agenda to be dealt with. He advised for us to contact Heather Miller at the Directors Office and confirm when it was being tabled to.

Chair Koklis also advised that a few council members and moms were working with the Student Council to help them prepare some presentations for the ARC Public Hearing being held on April 10th. She couldn't provide too many details yet other than they kids are putting themselves into working groups and each taking a topic of interest. They are going to present 5 delegations that night. She will advise the council of more details after further meetings with them.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

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

C. Anderson (secretary) will be away for both the April and May Council Meetings and Council Member Brenda Della Maestro has kindly volunteered to step in as secretary and record the minutes for Chair Koklis. Thank you Brenda!

2. Correspondence—NA

3. Announcements—Reminder of the South ARC Public Hearing date on April 10th. It's down at the Board office from 6-10pm. The school is asking everyone to please make time and attend. This is the very last chance our voices will be heard before the closure decisions are made.

Next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
