



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2012

A. Koklis called the May meeting of 2012 to order at 6:35 p.m. following a wonderful dinner provided by Sherwood staff (and A. Koklis for the delicious cup cakes). A big thank you for this special event. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place. Also, the order of the agenda was switched to allow a presentation by staff member C. Weston. This Open Issue was discussed first, followed by the rest of the agenda. L. Hicks offered to do the meeting minutes in C. Anderson's absence.

In Attendance

Principal R. Gallant, Vice Principals B. Monkley and E. Wilkie, Staff Representative C. Kaus, Chair A. Koklis, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, L. Hicks, B. Zamon, S. Lambier, T. Bender, W. Burley, C. Weston, K. Kennedy-Brown, Student Council Reps M. Ismail & T. Patel.

Regrets: Secretary C. Anderson, M. Taylor.

Open Issues

1. ARC—C. Weston

C. Weston gave a brief overview of the ARC decision making process. Eleven trustees will vote on May 23rd. There is hope that trustees are still flexible in their view of the South ARC. Following the School Council letter to Trustees, Mr. Weston drew up a formal proposal which was named "Concept F", suggesting that Sherwood stay open and Barton and Hillpark would close. Detailed numbers and maps were provided as part of this proposal. Council voted to fully endorse this proposal. Discussion took place re: how to gain momentum for this proposal leading up to the 23rd voting day.

Approval of Minutes

The April 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

Mr. Gallant reported that the projected enrollment for next school year is approximately 1100 students. This may change once the ARC decision is made on May 23rd. Some teachers have been declared surplus. A discussion of the process/teaching lines took place.

April events and upcoming May/June events were discussed: April 4th Cops and Cats basketball fundraiser took place raising almost \$1000 for charity, April 5th Italy trip - great feedback on this trip with very well behaved group of students, April 10-13th numeracy week took place with a focus on activities and life skills, April 11th and 24th wear pink anti-bullying days and assembly for grade 9 and 10 students with an outstanding speaker for this group, April 20th Environmental (Earth Day) Assembly, April 24th Cancer Bowl-a-thon for CAP saw Sherwood team win once again, April 26th reports went home with students, April 27th girls' floorball team went to Slovakia, May 1st Chicago music trip, May 10th Sherwood Idol, May 16th Run for Change, May 17th Grad 12 Prom, May 18th Spring Tea, May 23rd Luncheon of Champions, May 24th interviews for graduating class valedictorian will take place, May 31st Special Olympics taking place at Mohawk Sports Park, May 31st Music night, June 7th Athletic banquet, June 20th-26th exams, and June 28th Graduation Ceremony in Sherwood Auditorium.

2. Vice-Principals' Report—B. Monkley

The new Late Policy is working. Much improvement has been noted in this area. Some tweaking will still happen.

The new PA system is working well.

Letters went out to parents/guardians of students failing 2 courses at mid. term.

Vice-Principals' Report—E. Wilkie

Literacy test results will be available for staff by June 13th.

Upcoming PA day - planning continues. Part of the focus will be on student late and missed assignments. There should be penalties but still deciding what this should look like. Growing Success Document suggests that zeros can be given but only as a last result. Parent question asked: Should students expect to know how they are doing in a course before mid-term marks are given?

Assignments should be returned in a timely fashion. Students should ask their teachers about this. If no results, parents may want to contact teachers. Parent concern raised: Some courses seem to require extensive knowledge/skill in technology but some students have not been taught these skills. Parent concerned about fairness of this and need for even playing field in technology.

3. Staff Report—C. Kaus

Feeder school visits will take place May 14th to 18th.

There will be a Staff comedy night fundraiser for "Climb for Cancer". School Council members welcome to attend this.

May 23rd the Luncheon of Champions takes place. Teachers nominate students who may not usually get recognized in other school activities or categories.

4. Student Council Report— M. Ismail and T. Patel

Student Council reports it's been a very busy Spring. April 16th the Earth Week Assembly took place. The Environmental Club sold water bottles for \$3. Sherwood will be getting a "Hydration Station" funded by the Environmental Club fundraisers.

The Social Justice team held a successful clothing drive from March 19th to April 19th. Bullying events and guest speakers were very successful.

On April 30th, 5 Student Council members and Principal Gallant attended the Prayer Breakfast at Liuna Station. The guest speaker for this event was outstanding.

On May 17th, Sherwood students will be attending the Social Justice Fair. They will be showing a slide show of special Social Justice events at Sherwood.

Upcoming Grad fundraisers include a Harvey's BBQ on May 23rd and a bake sale.

The Social Justice club will be holding a 24 hour famine on May 23rd. Funds raised from this event will be going to a "Free the Children" family in Africa.

A food drive starts Monday, May 7th. Local food banks are requesting baby food if possible.

Open Issues

2. Plant and Safety—R. Gallant

Mr. Gallant announced that the new PA system is working well. The new chiller will be installed June 16th, just in time for graduation!

A new hydration station funded by the Environmental Club will also be coming soon. This will allow kids in school to refill their water bottles, sport bottles etc, which will drastically reduce the amount of waste and garbage each week.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. New Business – none

2. Correspondance —R. Gallant

Movies in classes: Mr. Gallant followed up to a previous parent concern and reported that there is information on the policy for this item on the Board web site (Selection of Learning Materials). Mr. Gallant has asked all department heads for a list of all movies used in classes. Most are rated 14A with a couple being rated higher. Sometimes this happens depending on the type and need for the particular lesson in question. In September, this information will be included in course outlines and letters will go out to parents as well with information on movies being shown in classes.

3. Announcements— C. Weston

Mr. Weston shared information on the Hamilton Toy Museum that he and his wife have founded. There will be a Gala fund raiser for this event on June 4th. All are invited to attend to support this worthy cause.

Reminder: Next School Council Meeting

Sept. 11 at 6:30 in the School Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.