



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday November 1, 2011

The November meeting of 2011 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, Chair A. Koklis, Secretary C. Anderson, School Trustee L. Peddle, W. Burley, R. Gagnon, W. Goodfellow, L. Hicks, K. Kennedy-Brown, S. Lambier, M. Taylor

Regrets

Vice Principal B. Monkley, Vice Principal E. Wilkie, T. Bender, B. Della Maestra

Approval of Minutes

The October Minutes were approved with no additions or deletions reported. Approved minutes will be forwarded to Superintendent Figueiredo and Trustee Peddle.

Reports

1. Principal's Report—R. Gallant

Awards assembly for Grade 10, 11 and 12 students will take place on Wednesday November 2, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Sherwood is presenting 460 students with honours, proficiency, subject and special awards. On the same day as our Award assembly our grade 9 students will be participating in "Take Our Kids to Work Day". This year we have 209 students out of 249, heading off to work with one of their parents.

Coffee House was very successful this year. We had over 150 people in the cafeteria enjoying the evening. All students worked together to make this night a big success.

Grade 8 Information Night for both parents and future Saints will be held on Wednesday November 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sherwood's Drama Department will be hosting our Remembrance Day assembly during 2nd period on November 11th parents are welcome to attend. We are pleased to welcome back Captain Tim Brody to speak at our assembly.

Mid Semester Reports to be sent home during the week of November 21st, 2011.

The "Saints' Moustaches" are participating in Movember again this year, to help raise money for prostate cancer. If you would like to make a donation towards the group "Saints' Moustaches", please visit <http://ca.movember.com/>

2. Vice-Principals' Report—per R. Gallant

Since our last Council meeting Mr. Gallant, Ms. Wilkie and Mr. Monkley are pleased to announce that it has been quite calm around the school in regards to school fights.

November is Literacy Month at Sherwood. From November 14th to November 25th Sherwood will be focusing on reading time. The *STOP and READ Program* will be held first thing in the morning, and within each class every student will spend 16 minutes of independent reading. Students are encouraged to bring a book, magazine or the newspaper to class. During the reading weeks, students will have the opportunity to be entered in a draw to win a gift card, if they are spotted reading during breaks or lunches by the Administrative Staff.

3. Staff Report—NA

4. Student Council Report— NA

5. School Trustee L. Peddle

There was discussion around the table about some ways the community members or parents can get their thoughts/opinions/ideas out to the Sherwood ARC members. People feel they want to have more input and feel they can contribute more. It may or may not help in the decision making process but feel there are not enough community voices heard at the open forum meetings. Ms. Peddle suggested that we invite our ARC Representatives to our next meeting in December to hear from members directly. Also, have Chair Koklis collect emails or letters from concerned parents and forward them to the ARC members via Firstclass Email. Chair Koklis

agreed to both suggestions and will contact the 3 ARC members (J. Brown, G. Deveau and K. Durkacz) to invite them to our next meeting. She will also forward any emails sent to her.

Trustee Peddle discussed some details about the investigation against her and the updates that have been in the media. She advised the previous night was the last meeting, and it was now over. She was looking forward to moving on and continuing to be a strong voice for the communities.

Open Issues

1. Plant & Safety—R. Gallant

The Ministry of Labour is visiting every high school in the province and has recently visited Sherwood. During the tour the Ministry visited high risk areas such as the science and tech rooms. There were no major issues, Sherwood was reported to be in very good shape. On October 3rd, some students may have come home and reported that it was a little cold that day at school. Our boilers were being cleaned.

2. ARC Committee

The attendance at the last public ARC meeting appeared to have a lower amount of parents out. The meeting was just under 3 hours. All parents and neighbours are invited to both the open ARC meetings and the ones held at the Board headquarters.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. New Business—No New Business

2. Correspondence—No Correspondence

3. Announcements—A. Koklis

Chair Koklis has worked very hard again this year in finding “real” Saints (St. Bernard dogs) to participate in the Santa Claus Parade along with Sherwood’s Repertoire Ensemble, Cheerleaders, Student Council and Athletes. This year’s parade will be on November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. She hopes to have 5 dogs help represent Sherwood. More updates will follow. Thank you Angela and to all the staff and students who are making this special event happen!

Next School Council Meeting

Tuesday December 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
