



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 7, 2012

A. Koklis called the October meeting of 2012 to order at 6:40 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place.

In Attendance

A. Koklis, N. Lewis, P. Perry, W. Burley, B. Della Maestra, J. Clarke, Principal R. Gallant, K. Kennedy-Brown, Vice-Principal E. Wilkie, Student Council Vice-President Z. Medeiros, Staff Representative C. Kaus, L. Hicks, D. Coles, G. Winger

Regrets: C. Anderson

Approval of Minutes

The October Minutes were approved. Chair Koklis is just waiting on total amount raised for the Terry Fox Run. Once done, approved minutes will be sent out to the group as well as being forwarded to Superintendent Figueiredo and Trustee Peddle.

2012-2013 School Council Membership

A. Koklis advised the group that somehow there had been a communication error between the office staff and herself prior to October's meeting. The School Council Membership ballot for Kathy Kennedy-Brown did not make it to me, but it was handed in and should have been included in the new memberships this year. It was confirmed, voted and clarified that Kathy is still a current, voting member and the list has been amended accordingly. The Council this year consists of the following people:

Angela Koklis – Chairman

Cindy Anderson – Recording Secretary

Randy Gallant – Principal

Brent Monkley – Vice Principal

Parent Representatives: Nancy Lewis, Deborah Coles, Jodie Mattiuz, Lynn Hicks, Wendy Burley, Pauline Perry, Gail Winger, Jennifer Clarke, Kathy Kennedy-Brown.

Brenda Della Maestra – Vice Chairman

Colleen Kaus – Teacher Representative

Evelyn Wilkie – Vice Principal

Filip Susic – Student Council Chairman

Reports

1. Principal's Report—R. Gallant

Award's Assembly for Grades 10, 11 and 12 were held on November 7th. 300 students were recognized. It was same day as "Take Your Kids to Work Day" for grade 9's.

Preparations are being done for the grade 8 feeder school visits. Two former Sherwood students put together a promotional video. It is about 5 minutes in length. Mr. Gallant showed the video to the council group at the end of the Principal's Report. Positive feedback was received from Council members.

Grade 8 Parent Night is being held on November 21.

Music Night is scheduled for November 22.

PD Day for November 23. All parents are welcome to come if they want to. They will be discussing the SEF (School Effectiveness Framework). The focus will be 1) literacy, 2) student engagement, 3) anaphylaxis training for staff.

"Movember" is upon us again. Male teachers at Sherwood are growing moustaches/beards to raise awareness and money for men's health issues specifically for prostate cancer. Eleven male teachers are participating this year. Over \$8,100 has been raised in the past years. They are hoping to surpass their goal of \$10,000 by the end of Movember this year. Anyone can make a donation to support Sherwood by going onto the "Movember Canada" website and selecting "Saint's Moustache's".

2. Vice-Principals' Report—E. Wilkie

Remembrance Day Assembly being held on November 9th. Sherwood prides themselves on being one of the few high schools left to honour Remembrance Day with a school assembly. The student body is split into 2 assemblies. Grade 9 and 11's go from 10:00-10:30 and grades 10 and 12's go afterward. They always try to have a connection with our community so this year they are bringing in 2 guest speakers, both are serving members of the military and both are former Sherwood graduates: Sam Gardiner and Sgt. Rob Ellison. Students made pictures of crosses that display pictures of Canadian soldiers who have died in service. Normally they would hang in the main foyer on display but this year each classroom had one displayed on their doors. These pictures will be taken down and incorporated into the assembly.

Thursday November 22 mid-semester report cards will be going home with the students. The lower limits will be followed.

November is also literacy month. The "Silent Reading Program" will take place November 19-30th. A 16 minute block has been scheduled every day so that everyone (including admin staff and teachers) will stop what they are doing and do nothing but read something of their choice for 16 minutes. They will also run the "Get Caught Reading" contest again. Everytime someone is caught reading on their own they will be given a ballot. Winners will receive Indigo gift cards.

Mental Health Awareness in-service was completed for all Principals and Vice-Principals. It is noted that in today's schools, anxiety and depression are becoming much more prevalent. Staff want to learn to recognize the signs so they can become more proactive in their approach and help with students. On November 23, Michelle Bates will come visit and talk with staff. She is a Social Worker on the HWDSB's Mental Health Team. Additional information and pamphlets to come.

3. Staff Report—C. Kaus

This coming Saturday morning is the annual "Rakefest" hosted by the Enviro Club. Up to 30 student and staff volunteers to rake leaves and clean properties of not only Sherwood but for the neighbouring homes. Everyone is welcome, please bring a rake and yard waste bags if you can to contribute.

The Phys-Ed website has just been updated with all winter sport's schedules and includes "highlights". Ms. Kindree's Jr. Boy's Volleyball team won the semi-finals and will now be playing in the Finals on Friday night at Ancaster High School. Good luck goes to the team!

Mr. Arnold's Sr. Boy's Volleyball team lost in the 5th set to MacNab during Semi-finals. It was a sad loss to a very successful season. They were undefeated until semi's. Senior Boys will be participating in SOSSA.

Girl's Touch Football team were the city champs this year, way to go!

This year 3 HWDSB students are privileged enough to be on the Men's World Floorball team and heading to the Championships in Zurich Switzerland. One of these students is from Sherwood. We are very proud of him and wish the team all the best on their trip. They may also be attending Germany in the spring.

SAC clothing sales are done. The orders will hopefully be in to fill Christmas orders.

Picture re-takes is being held on November 14.

Grad photos will start on November 26.

On November 27, it is the Sherwood/Indigo Fundraiser. Sherwood makes 15% back from sales for new material for the library.

The SAC bake sale to support a Sherwood teacher off on sick leave (Carolyn) in the works. They are thinking a Pink Cupcake campaign for breast cancer. More to come.

4. Student Council Report— Z. Medeiros for F. Susic

The Haunted Hallway was successful and raised over \$400 and 250lbs of donated food for food banks.

Some things that Student Council are working on:

"Operation Christmas" is the shoe boxes of gently used toys. They will be distributing to needy kids.

A "Stick It To Fast Food" campaign in the works to promote healthier eating.

There's a possibility of a new mascot uniform being purchased since the old "Saints" dog had to be thrown away a couple years ago. They are still looking into the pricing, suppliers etc.

A clothing drive for the "Walk-in Closet" for inner city kids.

A "Smiles" anti-bullying campaign

"What do you Want" was Student Council President's F. Susic's idea on how to get feedback from the student body on what the students feel are important and they want from the school. Some were school dances being restored, possibly a semi-formal dinner/dance and themed event days.

Details of the toy and clothing drive will be posted soon on the website.

More details to come on the above subjects.

Open Issues**1. Plant & Safety**—R. Gallant

The heating issues affecting the school are being worked on. It seems to be moving slowly but it will be rectified. There is complications with combining old equipment with newer ones since Sherwood is remaining open now.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements**1. New Business**— A. Koklis

Reminder to everyone that the Hamilton Santa Claus Parade is coming up on Saturday. All are welcome to join Sherwood walking in the parade. There will be 3 Saint Bernard dogs walking with us this year as our Sherwood Saint's mascots. We will be meeting at Sir John A school for 1:30pm. Parade starts at 2:00.

2. Correspondence— None**3. Announcements**—No New Announcements**Next School Council Meeting**

Wednesday December 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
