



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday October 3, 2012

A. Koklis called the October meeting of 2012 to order at 6:30 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place.

In Attendance

Vice Principal B. Monkley, Staff Representative C. Kaus, A. Koklis, C. Anderson, W. Burley, L. Hicks, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, N. Lewis, D. Coles, G. Winger, J. Mattiuz, J. Clarke, P. Perry, Student Council Representatives F. Susic, W. Redgate, A. Reid, T. Patel and G. Verrier.

Regrets

Principal R. Gallant, Vice Principal E. Wilkie.

Approval of Minutes

The September Minutes were approved with one correction reported, change to next meeting date from Tuesday to Wednesday. 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 and Elected Positions

A. Koklis reminded members and newcomers in attendance where School Council resources are available on the HWDSB website, and reviewed expectations of School Council members. Chair Koklis is asking for assistance in electing a Vice Chair for the 2012-13 school year. Once discussed, Council membership and election of Executive positions followed.

A. Koklis nominated C. Anderson for Recording Secretary. C. Anderson accepted the nomination, motion seconded by W. Burley. Vote with show of hands, all were in favour.

D. Coles nominated B. Della Maestra for Vice Chair. B. Della Maestra accepted the nomination, motion seconded by N. Lewis. Vote with show of hands, all were in favour.

N. Lewis nominated A. Koklis for Chair. A. Koklis accepted the nomination, motion seconded by L. Hicks. Vote with show of hands, all were in favour.

All ballots were read aloud and confirmed all voting members for this year. 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

Brenda Della Maestra – Vice Chairman

Colleen Kaus – Teacher Representative

Evelyn Wilkie – Vice Principal

Filip Susic – Student Council Chairman

Reports

1. Principal's Report—B. Monkley for R. Gallant

Enrolment at Sherwood is currently at 1100 from the projection of 1102.

Preliminary reports will be sent home on October 9.

Parent's Night is October 11 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please take this opportunity to sign up for Parent Assist or contact the Guidance department at your convenience.

The Terry Fox run was a great success this year. Sunshine and lolly pops on the football field with the whole school participating!

Award Assembly for Grades 10, 11 and 12 will be held on November 7 at 1:00 pm for students and parents. Students receiving an award will be notified by a Synvoice message. Marks are calculated by taking the top 7 marks from last year. That same day, the Grade 9 students will be participating in "Take Your Kids to Work Day".

2. Vice-Principals' Report—B. Monkley

Sherwood welcomes Hamilton Police Officer Renee Grandebois as Sherwood's School Liaison Officer. Officer Grandebois is wonderful with the students and is straight to the point.

Sherwood has experienced a couple issues lately with students from other schools coming onto Sherwood property. Altercations took place and the police were contacted. They have been very helpful.

Safe Schools Committee will meet on Tuesday October 9th. The committee will consist of teachers, students and parents. D. Coles has kindly volunteered to be the parent representative.

3. Staff Report—C. Kaus

When reviewing your child's Preliminary Report please focus on the "learning skills" section i.e. homework, organization skills, initiative etc. At this early point in the year, there is not much in the way of assignments or tests to grade the students on. The learning skills are the best indicator at this point.

Student Success are offered to students who are referred from another teachers and who need extra help and support. This year we have Mrs. McKague assisting grade 9 students, Ms. Kaus assisting grade 10 students and Mr. Murkovic assisting grade 11 and 12 students.

Despite rumors, the Athletics Department is up and running in full swing. Sports are well underway and Sherwood is doing great.

The annual Sherwood Spirit Clothing Sale begins the next week. Student Council will have orders and pricing on display at Parent's Night.

Mark your calendars for November 27th— The 2nd Annual Sherwood/Indigo Fundraiser Night. Last year \$729 in profit was given back to the library at Sherwood to purchase new items. This was based on over \$5000 in sales that night. It is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, listen to the Sherwood band and enjoy a Starbucks coffee while shopping.

4. Student Council Report— F. Susic

This year we have a stronger core of students who came out for Council. There are 40 members this year, compared to only 20 students for 2011. Members are younger and we are seeing more students coming out from grades 9 and 10. Everything will go through Student Council for approval. We are also working together as a team with all other clubs hoping a joint effort will be more success for the school.

The personal goals for Student Council this year are improving fundraisers and being the "voice of the student" not the "voice for the student" as it has been in the past.

Everyone Monday at lunch, Student Council meets in the SC room from 11:10 am to 11:55 am and we welcome members of School Council to join us, take part and offer the school support. A. Koklis agreed and offered help whenever we could.

Open Issues

1. Plant & Safety—B. Monkley

Timelines for any future renovations (post-ARC) are on hold pending funding approval by Ministry. Our school caretaker Ken Joslin is checking the building on a daily basis and keeping everything in order in the interim.

2. Parent Engagement Funds—A. Koklis

There were ideas discussed for the use of our Parent Engagement Fund grant money. L. Hicks suggested a "Social Evening" for Parents in Grade 9 and 10 to learn about the progress report card. G. Winger suggested a "Parent Literacy Centre" to support Parents with issues like learning disability strategies. Several council members found that the Sherwood Magnet (distributed in previous years) was a great tool to have and new grade 9 Sherwood families could benefit. Discussions will take place later in the year with hopes of something for the spring.

3. October Parent's Night—A. Koklis

We need council members to help out at Parent's Night at the School Council table. Many members haven't responded via email to sign up for a time slot. A. Koklis advised that even though we all have teachers to see, we all need to do our share. The members need to hand out School Council flyers and newsletters, greet parents, field any questions etc.

At 5:45 pm to 6:00 pm in the auditorium there will be a presentation for Grade 9 parents on Assessment Evaluation Reports.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. New Business—No New Business

2. Correspondence—A. Koklis

Sherwood Council is looking for “real” Saint Bernards for this year’s Santa Claus Parade. Please forward all the contact information to Chair Koklis at Sherwood.sc@hwdsb.on.ca. Sherwood has been the only HWDSB high school to have a marching band participate in the past two years. Last year we brought along 5 Saint Bernards as mascots.

A. Koklis is always looking for new ideas for the Sherwood School Council Newsletter. Newsletters are published in October, March and June. She requested any suggestions be forwarded through email.

3. Announcements—No New Announcements

Next School Council Meeting

Wednesday November 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
