



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday September 13, 2011

The September meeting of 2011 was called to order by A. Koklis at 6:35 p.m. Chair Koklis welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions took place for new staff members and visitors.

In Attendance

Principal R. Gallant, Vice Principal E. Wilkie, Vice Principal B. Monkley, Staff Representative C. Kaus, Student Council President A. Spiwak, Chair A. Koklis, Recording Secretary C. Anderson, B. Della Maestra, D. Della Maestra, R. Gagnon, W. Burley, L. Hicks, K. Choi (Brock U. student), T. Bender, J. Tipert.

Reports

1. Principal's Report—R. Gallant

Principal Gallant welcomed Sherwood's new Vice Principal Mr. Brent Monkley. Mr. Monkley comes from Mountain Secondary School and is happy to be at Sherwood. He comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

The enrolment at Sherwood this year is a little lower than last year and lower than what was projected. There are currently 1278 students enrolled. Sherwood's staffing consists of 84 teachers, 8 E.A.'s (which is slightly down from last year), 5 secretaries, 6 care takers and 2 cafeteria staff, possibly 1 more to be added.

Both staff and students had a great start to the 2011-2012 school year. After the pilot last year for "single lunch days", Sherwood has decided to go with it on a full-time basis. Single lunch is for 45 minutes for the whole school at the same time. It gives the students opportunities to join in activities or to get extra help from their teachers. Both the library and gymnasium are open during lunch period with activities. So far the staff is very pleased with the results of the single lunch and how the students are respecting the times and school property.

The PA system was down for the first few days of school but it is up and running ok now.

Upcoming events are Student Picture Day on September 15th, and the Terry Fox run will be held on Sept 28th. This year the Terry Fox will take place on the school grounds. The awards ceremony for grades 10, 11 and 12 will take place on November 2nd, which is when the Grade 9 students will be participating in "Take Your Child to Work Day".

2. Vice-Principals' Report—E. Wilkie

Each of the Vice Principal's duties includes discipline and care of students. They divide the student's between them by splitting the alphabet in half. Ms. Wilkie is responsible for students with last names starting with A to L. Ms. Wilkie is also responsible for the literacy components and is involved in the Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting and also the Committee/Board Policies.

Ms. Wilkie is involved in the literacy tests and is pleased to see that over the past years; our students have been very consistent in performance, hovering 3-4 points above Board requirements.

Parents Night will be held on October 13th.

Vice-Principals' Report—B. Monkley

Mr. Monkley is pleased to be at Sherwood and has had a fairly smooth transition. He is trying to settle in and feels welcomed. He is responsible for students with last names starting with M-Z.

Mr. Monkley is involved in Plant and Safety and will be focusing on the graffiti as it appears around school. Mr. Monkley is also involved in the Numeracy Use-Math Key Skills. Mr. Monkley is interested in solving why Sherwood's results dropped last year and is looking into past Grade 6 test scores of our current students for historical purposes.

Reminder to students that there is NO smoking on school property! There will be police monitoring the schools and students could be faced with a fine of \$305.00.

3. Staff Report—C. Kaus

Fall sports are up and running. Unfortunately Sherwood has no coach for JR. Girls Basketball yet. They are still looking for one.

On September 14th, 2011 the Caring Adult Program begins at Sherwood. We currently have 20 Sherwood teachers involved and need more male teacher role models. The Caring Adult Program is to reach out to at-risk, struggling students, to mentor and support them for the entire school term.

4. Student Council Report— A. Spiwak

Student Council is pleased with their new Student Council room. A great fresh start! Sherwood is currently without a mascot now. The Saint Bernard costume had to be destroyed due to its age and deterioration. The cost of a new costume is extremely expensive and not an option for them, but on a positive note we do have “the Green Morph Man” who still offers his services as a mascot at school games.

Upcoming SC events are the Haunted Hallway (which has always been a big success), a bake sale and spirit wear clothing sale.

Student Council “Welcome Back Spirit Rally” went over well this year. Students were engaged in the rally which included music from the Rep Band, a routine from the Cheerleaders, and free pizza for Sherwood’s new Grade 9 students. Grades 10-12 were able to purchase hotdogs and Booster Juice. They are looking forward to planning the next Spirit Rally!

Open Issues

1. Plant & Safety—R. Gallant

Currently the work on the back walkway to the parking lot has been put on hold.

Sherwood’s website is up and running and very informative.

To promote environmental awareness in school is very important and Sherwood is pleased to be the first secondary school in Hamilton to be listed as a “SILVER ECO School”. Huge thanks go out to both the staff and students at Sherwood for making it happen!

2. ARC —R. Gallant

The next public ARC meeting will be held at Barton Secondary School on October 18th, 2011 from 6-9 pm. He encourages all students and families of Sherwood to attend and support.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. New Business—A. Koklis

School Council will continue to try and have Staff Presentations at our monthly meetings. These presentations are very informative and interesting for the parents.

2. Correspondence—A. Koklis

There will be two Bullying Information Nights for parents, educators, students and community members. The dates are September 26th at Glendale Secondary from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and September 27th at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. At each seminar, dinner and child care will be provided. Bus tickets are also available.

3. Current Issues—A. Koklis

We are looking for any news worthy story ideas for the Council Newsletters. She has already started the October issue as it must be done, approved and ready to print for October Open House. Some story ideas she has been working on so far are Sherwood Trivia or Famous Sherwood Graduates, E-learning, Homework Help, Parent Resources for Drugs and Alcohol, Screen Time Budgets for Teens, and the Walk-In Closet Program through the HWDSB. Parents and members in attendance also suggested doing articles on the Guidance Office and what student services they offer, Parent Assistant and Exam Week preparation.

4. Announcements

The next Public ARC meeting will be held on October 18, 2011 at Barton Secondary. Next scheduled ARC meeting at the Board of Ed is September 27, 2011.

Unfortunately School Council’s application for the 2011-2012 P.R.O. Grant (Parents Reaching Out) was not accepted. The display boards we proposed fell under the shelving category and are not allowable. Council can reapply next year with a new proposal/idea.

Next School Council Meeting

Tuesday October 4, 2011 6:30 p.m. in the school Library. This is also election night for the 2011-2012 school term.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
