



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by R. Gagnon at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance

R. Gagnon, D. Wilson, Principal R. Gallant, VP J. Braun, B. Della Maestra (recording secretary), D. Della Maestra
Regrets: S. Shuttleworth, B. Gerrish, J. Braun, S. Valeri, N. Neu

Staff Presentation

R. Gagnon welcomed Mr. Baker, new Music Department Head, to School Council. Mr. Baker announced exciting current and future plans to expand participation in Music at Sherwood. Currently, there are classes in guitar, piano, and Repertoire along with the introduction of an enrichment band that includes students from grades 7, 8 & 9. Repertoire participated in the Hamilton Santa Claus parade with plans to repeat the next parade while marching. In addition, Repertoire students performed in a combined concert with members of Westmount School and Hamilton Concert Band. Sherwood Rep. students will receive instruction from 12 professionals while attending Camp Wahonowin, the National Music Camp of Canada in Orillia, from May 28-30, 2010.

The Guitar Program continues to be very successful along with a well-attended Acoustic Guitar Coffee House under the direction of Mr. Malcew in first semester. The Electric Guitar Coffee House is tentatively planned for May 6/10. A Sherwood music website is under construction with an expected fall launch date. It is anticipated that a Sherwood jazz band and pep band will be starting this September. Next year over 40 students have enrolled in Repertoire which is an increase of 15 students and a new vocal class has been introduced for 2010/11. Overall, 230 students are enrolled in Music for the next school year.

Approval of Minutes

The March minutes were approved with no additions or deletions. Approved minutes will be forwarded to our Superintendent and Trustee.

Reports

1. Principal's Report—Principal Gallant reported that Sherwood students completed a safe schools survey in March on safety and perceptions about bullying and victimization. Results will be shared with the staff and data released in the fall to assist with planning of safe school initiatives. The Awards Assembly held March 9/10 recognized the accomplishments of 350 students and a pep rally held March 4/10 honoured the fall athletes. A student talent show was held March 12/10 and the S.T.A.T. committee organized a "wear purple" *Kick Butts Day* on March 31st. Four teachers and 22 students are currently touring France on the senior history school trip.

Grade 10 students attended a literacy assembly today and previously reviewed sample questions in preparation for the OSS Literacy Test set for April 8/10. Sherwood Idol will take place during the lunch time of April 16/10. The next Learning Community Day is April 19/10. Topics will be "assessment for learning" and "mental health". A synervice announcement will remind Sherwood families of the LCD and report card distribution. The Cops versus Cats basketball game will be played April 21/10 the same date as the C.A.P. Bowl-a-thon. Mid-semester reports will be distributed April 23/10 and the environmental assembly will be held the same day. All students will be given an opportunity to attend. The M.A.D.D. assembly is scheduled for Monday, April 26/10 and the "Climb for Cancer" event will be rescheduled for the month of May.

There was a boy's hockey tournament today. Two Sherwood teams participated. Team A won two games and Team B had one win and one tie. Mr. Szkwara is the substitute coach for the girl's Water polo semi final today (won 4-1 over Westmount) and championship game on Thursday versus Westdale at the Jimmy Thompson pool. (Both coaches are in France along with a couple of players.) Sherwood girl's hockey won the city championship under the direction of Coaches Dunn, Provost, Merriam and McCullough.

2. Vice-Principals' Report—Vice Principal Braun announced the next Safe Schools meeting will be held on April 12/10. There is an anti-bullying conference May 27/10 at McMaster. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink on April 14 organized by the *Let Me Be Me* group in support of anti-bullying week. Dates for lockdown and fire drills need to be established. There have been some suspensions over graffiti incidents. Time-tabling for 2010-11 starts at the end of April. The final Health & Safety walk for this year is scheduled for April 23/10.

3. Staff Report—absent, see Principal's Report.

4. Student Council Report—absent. N. Neu filed the following report by email which has been added to the minutes post-meeting. Sherwood Idol admission fee on April 16 is \$2, single lunch schedule. The M.A.D.D. presentation will take place in the gymnasium later this month. Student Council has plans underway for another "Cultural Day" on April 22/10. See Principal's report for senior girl's water polo news and Cops vs. Cats event. Chair R. Gagnon commented on the Virtual Views article from the HWDSB website by Student Trustee Matthew Fondevilla which refers to the roles and responsibilities of student trustees at the Board and the excellent opportunity it provides particularly during the accommodation review process. Principal Gallant reported that student trustee information was funnelled to Student Council through the teacher advisors.

Open Issues

1. Plant & Safety

Please see Principal's report regarding the student safe schools survey.

2. PRO Grant Event Expenditure Report

The Ministry of Education approved our grant proposal and \$1000 has been received. This funding will be applied to the speaker's fee, refreshments and print advertising. There was an additional cost to provide an unblocked internet connection for the 3 assemblies. R. Gagnon provided a breakdown of event expenses. Total cost for the event is \$1580.16. \$441.63 of Parent Involvement funding will be used to meet PRO Grant expenses from the February 23/10 event leaving a balance of \$138.53 to be paid by the school. Council approved the disbursement of funds and a formal expenditure report will be filed with the Ministry of Education and a copy to our Board.

3. March Parents' Night Review

Appreciation to Mr. Braun for coordinating teacher locations and refreshments; to student ambassadors for assisting parents with school navigation and handing out the SC newsletter; school staff for printing the newsletter, school housekeeping and table set-up, and meeting with parents. There were informative table displays by the Teacher-librarian, Guidance staff, Mohawk student and School Council. Parents had an opportunity to enrol in *Parent Assistant* at the Guidance Office display booth.

4. Accommodation Review Update

Following our March meeting, Trustee Peddle emailed Director Malloy who acknowledged receipt of School Council's concerns regarding the ARC timelines spanning two academic years and our desired approach. HWDSB Committee of the Whole met on March 22/10. The review will begin January 2011. The Mountain News published an article on April 1/10 reporting on the effort from Trustee Peddle to move up the review process.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. Parent Involvement Funding—The school is in receipt of the \$500 funding. School Council stationery costs for 2009/10 amount to \$58.37. The remaining PIF will be used to meet costs from the PRO Grant event on February 23/10 leaving a zero balance. See PRO Grant Event.

2. Secure Schools Draft Policy Directive—The HWDSB is seeking public consultation of their policy directive for Secure Schools until April 22/10. You may visit the Board website to respond electronically. This information was circulated to Council members previously.

3. Principal Placement Profile Survey—Superintendent J. Forbeck is seeking School Council input regarding placement of principals. Sherwood School Council provided a profile survey previously and this will serve as our survey on record. R. Gagnon circulated this information to Council members prior to tonight's meeting.

4. Draft School Year Calendar 2010/11—The HWDSB is seeking public consultation for the draft 2010/11 school year calendar until March 30/10. This information was circulated to Council members previously in order to meet the deadline for responses.

5. Correspondence—(a) An email invitation arrived from the HW Council of Home & School Associations to attend the Equity Evening for Parents on March 24/10 at the Education Centre. This information was circulated to Council members prior to the event. (b) An email invitation arrived from the HWDSB to attend the SEAC Open House at the Education Centre on April 29/10. This information was circulated to members electronically. (c) The HWDSB has invited School Council members to attend the School Council Training seminar on April 28/10 at Delta Secondary School. Topics are "Fundraising 101", "First Class" and "Annual SC Reports". This information was circulated to members electronically. R. Gagnon attended similar workshops in previous years and encourages interested members to attend these very beneficial and informative evenings.

Next School Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at an offsite location. Principal Gallant will book a venue and notify members.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
