



Sherwood Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by R. Gagnon at 6:30 p.m. at Vicar's Vice Restaurant & Pub

In Attendance

R. Gagnon, D. Wilson, Principal R. Gallant, VP J. Braun, VP E. Wilkie, B. Della Maestra (recording secretary), D. Della Maestra, B. Gerrish, Staff Rep. S. Valeri

Regrets: S. Shuttleworth, Student Council President N. Neu

Approval of Minutes

The April 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 on the multiple events that took place in April. Grade 10 students wrote the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on April 8th. Thanks to Mary P., Mohawk student volunteers (Bryan, Becky, Kate) and the "Let Me Be Me" Sherwood students for organizing the anti-bullying "wear pink day" held on April 14th. Student Council under the direction of Mr. Woods and Ms. Morris produced a very successful "Sherwood Idol". Over 300 students attended the event on April 16th along with "celebrity" judges Mr. Baker, Mr. Brady, Ms. D'Agruma, Mr. Thomaidis and guest Mr. Morrison. Under the direction of Mr. Thomaidis, over \$700 was raised for the McMaster Children's Hospital and St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton during the Cops versus Cats basketball game hosted by Sherwood on April 21st. The Sherwood team at the Cancer Assistance Program bowl-a-thon on the same day raised over \$300. The Environmental Club under the direction of Ms. Zaimi with the assistance of Stage Crew and Mr. Grant celebrated Earth Week with a "Saving Planet Earth" assembly on April 23/10 that helped raise money to save the whales. Guest speaker Loretta Penny, founder of "Down to Earth Environmental Education", spoke of her life experiences and the negative impact humans are causing the world. Ms. Penny provided an environmental "wake up call" and offered suggestions to preserve our planet. Over \$1000 was spent at the fair-trade sale outside of the Auditorium. The annual 30-hour famine in support of World Vision was held April 22-23/10. Approximately forty students and two teachers who participated in the famine raised over \$1000. A special thank you is offered to Ms. Morris for her leadership with this event. The M.A.D.D. assembly was held on April 26th with guest speakers Rachael Dendekker and Krista Nowak who spoke about the impact of drunk driving on their lives. Thank you to Ms. McKague for organizing and promoting this initiative. Mid-semester reports were distributed to students on April 27th accompanied by a synervoice reminder to the Sherwood households.

Lifetouch visited to photograph around Sherwood for a future school banner. Sherwood is one of five schools selected to have a defibrillator placed in the school. Training in its use took place May 3/10 with certification valid for three years. The location of the defibrillator within the building has yet to be determined. Other May events include the second of two *Coffee Houses* on May 6th and the *Luncheon of Champions* to be held in the Library on May 11 to acknowledge nominated students who persevere through difficulties and achieve. The annual "Climb for Cancer" event is planned for May 13/10, weather permitting, under the leadership of Ms. Kindree. Proceeds are targeted for the Juravinski Cancer Centre. Incoming grade 8 students are welcomed to Sherwood for the *Sportsfest* and *Amazing Eights-to-Saints* activities on May 19/10. Associate Director Ken Bain is scheduled to visit the morning of May 20th and the Special Olympics will be held at Saltfleet Secondary School on May 25/10. Sherwood will be represented by students from the DD and Abilities classes. Students Together Against Tobacco (S.T.A.T.) is planning a "wear purple Monday" event on May 31st to recognize *World No Tobacco Day*.

The final exam scheduled has been submitted. Approval by our Superintendent is pending. The coming June events include the Athletic Banquet on June 2/10 and Music Night on June 3/10 in the school Auditorium.

2. Vice-Principals' Report—J. Braun

A lockdown drill date has been set for May 27th. Time-tabling for 2010/11 is almost finished and should be completed next week. There is a Safe Schools workshop on May 13th to be held at the HWDSB Maple Lane Learning Centre, Ancaster at 8:45 a.m. An invitation is extended for a parent volunteer to attend. Please RSVP to Mr. Braun. Information from the student survey will be reviewed. Over 85% of students feel

safe. Three fire drills remain for the year and the school has received clarification regarding the status of classroom doors during a drill. Classroom doors are to be closed but not locked.

Vice-Principals' Report—E. Wilkie

Results from the provincial Literacy Test are not yet available. There will be a re-assessment of the usage of personal electronic devices—student “play” versus the educational component. Mr. Durkacz obtained an updated version of *Romeo and Juliet* on the computer for student use. Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (AER) final version “Growing Success” is in place and will be implemented in the fall. Secondary “report cards” will look different. New for mid-semester reports—students completed a self-assessment report at school which provides teachers with student feedback on their strengths, growth areas, goals for the remainder of the semester and any plans to improve. Staff will have an opportunity to informally discuss issues with Associate Director Bain on May 20/10 in the staff room.

3. Staff Report—S. Valeri reported there was a well-attended Staff Open House/Breakfast before classes on April 23/10 to showcase new Library material and resources. Teacher-Librarian Lisa Dupuis continues to implement exciting changes in the physical space and program for the school Library. The OSSLT testing day on April 8th went well and results should become available at the school June 1st. Students and chaperones enjoyed the senior history trip to France. Next year's destination is Spain. Girl's Rugby held a BBQ in conjunction with the Cops vs. Cats game to help raise funds for local healthcare facilities (see Principal's Report). The staff-student Climb for Cancer on the Margate escarpment stairs is rescheduled from April (details to follow). Multiple activities will be available on the afternoon of May 19 for students to participate in Sherwood *Sportsfest* in association with the 300 visiting Grade 8 students for *Amazing Eights to Saints*. Road Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Basketball are some of the games to be played. Students can submit a team for \$5 and all proceeds are targeted to support fellow student Marcus Pacella who is attending the Special Olympics. The Athletic Banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 2/10 at Carmen's Banquet Centre starting at 5:30 p.m.

4. Student Council Report—absent. The electric guitar Coffee House is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 6/10. The Student Council pasta dinner on May 13/10 is cancelled.

Open Issues

1. Plant & Safety

The gymnasium floors are undergoing repairs today (May 4/10).

2. PRO Grant Event Expenditure Report

Council approved the disbursement of funds at our April meeting. A formal expenditure report was filed online with the Ministry of Education by R. Gagnon and a hardcopy will be forwarded to our Board (Superintendent Stephanian's office) as per conditions of the grant. Principal Gallant received his copy at tonight's meeting.

3. Parent Involvement Expenditure Report

R. Gagnon reported that Council received \$500 from the Ministry/HWDSB as per Supt. Stephanian's memo of April 19/10. This funding was directly deposited into each school's budget with a specific account number. The funding was applied to print advertising (\$215.81) and the unblocked internet connection (\$189.76) for the February 23/10 parent evening event. The balance of the PIF covered stationery costs for the School Council binder (\$58.37). The expenditure report will be completed by R. Gagnon and filed with the school/HWDSB prior to June 1/10.

4. Accommodation Review Update

Council did not receive any further news since our April meeting regarding the AR process. The review is scheduled to begin January 2011.

New Business/Correspondence/Announcements

1. Accessibility/Equity Public Consultation—You can view the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy and the Draft Equity Policy Supporting Guidelines: Persons with Disabilities and provide comment through an online survey at www.hwdsb.on.ca/feedback. Consultation ends on May 26/10. This information was circulated to Council members on April 26/10.

2. School Council has a responsibility to file annual reports. R. Gagnon will circulate a draft of the annual report to Council members who then will have an opportunity to electronically approve the document. Upon approval the document will be forwarded to Principal Gallant for distribution to the school community during the summer and posted on the Sherwood website. R. Gagnon will file an online version on the HWDSB website. See items 2 and 3 under Open Issues regarding School Council expenditure reports for 2009/10. Principal Gallant continues to be responsible for the reporting of School Generated Funds.

3. Summer Newsletter—R. Gagnon will be drafting the School Council summer newsletter shortly and is seeking content ideas. B. Della Maestra suggested hints for parents to help with Gr8 transition to high school. Please forward ideas as soon as possible. The newsletter needs to be completed in June to meet distribution deadlines.

4. School Council meeting dates for 2010/11—Council usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month, excluding January and June. The September meeting is usually held on Tuesday of the first full week of school.

The following dates were approved and will be forwarded to Principal Gallant for inclusion in the student agenda: September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2010 and February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3, 2011.

5. Appreciation—R. Gagnon extended appreciation to Council members for volunteering and contributing to Council all year, to Principal Gallant for our year-end dinner meeting, and recognized the Sherwood custodial and office staff along with the teaching staff and administration for continual support for parental events throughout the year. After 4 years in a co-chair and chair role and 6 years on School Council, R. Gagnon announced she intends to step down as chairperson for next year due to increased personal responsibilities but remain as a resource for the new chair. Principal Gallant offered appreciation to Chair Gagnon acknowledging her commitment to Council.

Next School Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.
