



## Sherwood Secondary SC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order by R. Gagnon at 7 p.m.

### In Attendance

D. Wilson, B. Gerrish, S. Shuttleworth, R. Gagnon  
Principal R. Gallant, Vice-Principal B. Wallace  
Brock University Students K. Triemstra, R. Sheardown, J. Feddema

Minutes compiled by R. Gagnon

### Staff Presentation

Prior to the business meeting, Mr. D. Hilbert, Business Department Head, outlined the 12 elective business studies available to Sherwood students including Information Technology, Business, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Canadian Law, Accounting, Economics, Information & Communication, and Business Leadership. Council viewed examples of 2, student-produced, video submissions for culminating activities. Mr. Hilbert explained DECA, an association of marketing students that engage, educate and empower students through (co-curricular) competitions in business, marketing and entrepreneurship.

### Approval of Minutes

January minutes approved.

### Reports

#### 1. Principal's Report

Four Sherwood staff members presented a bullying in-service entitled "Mean Girls". Sherwood staff will be attending a Cyber-safety workshop at Westmount Secondary School on the afternoon of Feb. 22/08—the next Learning Community Day. Parents will have an opportunity to hear the same keynote speaker at an evening presentation on Thursday, Feb. 21/08 in the Westmount Auditorium.

The Directions Team attended an equity workshop with presenter, Dr. Ruby Payne, author of *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*. An understanding of how poverty affects the success of students will be explored at future Learning Community Days. Parents are encouraged to attend the evening "Understanding Poverty" presentation Feb. 6/08 at Cathy Wever Elementary School from 7-9 p.m.

The HWDSB Programmes of Choice were advertised in *The Spectator* which included the Hockey Canada Skills Academy offered at Sherwood. A second hockey skills information meeting will be held Tuesday, Mar. 4/08.

The Director's visit takes place on Mar. 4/08. Dr. C. Spence will attend a Shakespearean English-Drama class and retrieve a completed questionnaire previously submitted to Sherwood Administration.

Principal Gallant attended the B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner last night at the Hamilton Convention Centre recognizing outstanding athletics and academics along with the Sherwood Athletes-of-the-Year Stephanie Thususka and Mark Reilly.

Other news to report:

- Principal Gallant plans a visit to Highview Elementary School.
- Numerous school sports playoffs are underway.
- Gymnasium murals completed. Team banners are planned and crash mats for the gymnasium wall are coming.

- The \$12,000 computer and electrical work has been completed for the Abilities Programme.
- Plans to improve the Princeton Drive school entrance continue.

## **2. Vice-Principal's Report**

Council participated in a practice demonstration of the Class Performance System Wand led by VP Wallace. Huge potential exists for this technology in the classroom. Currently, 2 sets of 32, CPS-Wands are available at the school.

## **3. Staff Report**

No report—M. Murkovich absent.

## **4. Student Council**

SC Presidents absent—Student Council is working on multiple fundraising ideas, a Valentine's semi-formal and Valentine Spirit Day. The Presidents are submitting an article in the next eNewsletter and report "we are all very excited about the gym and the trophy cases and are thankful our school is becoming a more enjoyable environment". (I am including this email report from Co-President A. George who filed the report prior to the Council meeting, however, the message was opened *after* the adjournment.)

## **Open Issues**

### **1. Plant & Safety**

- The replacement of the woodworking dust collection system is 95% completed.
- Two display cases were installed in the front foyer during the last week of January. The unit outside the Auditorium will offer a permanent display of the past, current and future trophies. The display case near the High Street entrance doors and viewable from the school exterior will feature student work on a rotating basis.
- Tim Storey (HWDSB Health & Safety) will arrive Feb. 7/08 to assess the science fume hoods. Repairs are to be completed by June 2008.
- No response from the company that is to install the school Coat-of-Arms and "Home of the Saints" on the exterior school sign.

### **2. January Open House Assessment**

R. Gagnon provided an evaluation of the Open House/Grade 8 Parents' Night for Council. It was noted that we had abundant student representation in the way of Ambassadors, Repertoire Ensemble, Cheerleaders, Student Council Presidents, Stage Crew and a showing of a student-produced DVD. Council Chair issued an appreciation letter previously to staff and students and we wish to acknowledge all the splendid work by the Guidance Office. A copy of the report will be forwarded to Principal Gallant.

### **3. Parental Outreach Funding**

A variety of suggestions were considered by Council for optimal use of the parental involvement money. Don Wilson put forward a motion that this year's funding will be designated for prizes and events at school to encourage parental engagement. Seconded by Sue Shuttleworth. Motion carried.

## **New Business/Correspondence/Announcements**

### **1. Correspondence**

- The Royal Canadian Legion is having its annual Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, February 23, 2008 to be held at the 1180 Barton Street East Branch. Entries must be received by Feb. 19/08 to be eligible for the contest. Prizes will be awarded. Winners go on to Zone, District, Area and Provincial finals.
- The Safe Schools Committee from Westmount Secondary School presents a Cyber Bullying Information evening for parents on Feb. 21/08 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westmount Auditorium. Cyber safety expert, Rob Nickel, will present internet safety, trends and outline ethical online behaviour.

- The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington offers FREE community awareness sessions, presentations and workshops for parents/teachers/health professionals/other youth agencies or organizations with regard to youth gambling. Contact Melissa Hickey, Youth Outreach Worker at 905-317-4947 or email [Melissa\\_hickey@ymca.ca](mailto:Melissa_hickey@ymca.ca)
- Ward 6 Trustee Laura Peddle and HWDSB Superintendent Sharon Stephanian are hosting a Ward Information Network Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 23/08 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Huntington Park Recreation Centre.
- HWDSB Superintendent K. Bain is looking for representatives who can provide the parental perspective on a committee that will be developing a policy related to school fees. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7/08 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Education Centre. Email [Linda.sheppard@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:Linda.sheppard@hwdsb.on.ca) if you plan to attend.

## **2. March Parents' Night**

An information handout has been drafted for distribution on Parents' Night to be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Please submit your ideas for inclusion on the flyer by Feb. 22/08 in order to meet publishing deadlines.

## **3. School Phone Communication**

Principal Gallant will confirm with the school office that telephone extensions are reviewed for accuracy. Please call the office administrative staff if there are any response delays from voice-mail messages.

## **Next School Council Meeting**

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Library

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

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