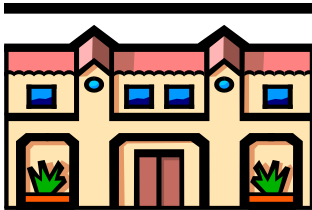


School Council News

Home of the Sherwood Saints Summer 2007

Next Meeting

September 11, 2007 7 p.m.



School Year 2007/08

- *Principal Randy Gallant*
- *Cluster 4 Superintendent Sharon Stephanian*
- *Ward 6 School Trustee Laura Peddle*
- *Parents' Night October 11, 2007*
- *40th Anniversary October 19-20, 2007*

What do School Councils do?

School Councils have great influence and responsibility and are required to advise the Principal and school board with respect to any matter concerning the school. There also exists an opportunity at the provincial level to look beyond the needs of a particular school to share information and ideas.

A School Council's purpose is to improve student achievement and promote accountability within the school and school board.

School Councils may advise on school code of conduct; school profile; general qualities to consider in selection

of principal and vice principal; school budget priorities; school year calendar; school curriculum, programme goals and priorities; school improvement plans based on EQAO test; school dress code; school facilities; methods of reporting to parents and community; development, implementation, and review of Board policies; school-based services and community partnerships related to social, health, recreational and nutritional programmes; school extra-curricular activities; and community use of school facilities.

Effective School Councils

provide advice on those needs and involve the school community in important decisions ensuring parents and teachers are working in partnership to enhance student learning.

Information sharing and networking with other School Councils is available through the Board's email communication system. The Board has also established a School Council Support Group (SCSG) composed of volunteer parents with School Council experience to facilitate communication, provide resources and organize training for all School Council members.

Who is on School Council?

Our School Council has representation from Sherwood parents/guardians of students, the principal, a teacher who is employed at Sherwood, support staff representative from administrative support/custodial staff, and a student representative from the Student Council. A community representative from our school district who has an interest in serving on the Council is desired.

If you would like to be a member of Council, please submit a nomination form prior to the election in October on Parents' Night.

Please venture out to one of our meetings in the school Library usually held on the first Tuesday of every month. There is a wealth of information posted on the [Sherwood Website www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood)

If you have any questions for Council, our email address is:

Sherwood.SC@hwdsb.on.ca

Please feel free to contact our Principal through the school office 905-383-3377.

Please consider volunteering for this communication/information link between the school and community focusing on student learning and for the best interest of all students.

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**We're on
the Web!**

View previous
minutes on the
Parent Council Page



Check out your son/daughter's
Sherwood Agenda for key
semester dates, Code of Conduct,
absence/late policies, bell
schedules and a multitude of
other reference information.

The Learning Resource Centre
sends parents information via
email. If you would like your
name added to the parent contact
group, send an email to
evdoxia.trikoupis@hwdsb.on.ca

Nomination Form—Sherwood Secondary School Council, HWDSB

I wish to be a candidate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council for 2007/08.

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

I am the parent/guardian of a student (s) at Sherwood: Yes No

I am an employee of the School Board: Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nomination received by: _____

(Principal or election Committee Chair)

Date: _____

How is a person nominated?

You may nominate yourself or someone else using the nomination form at the top of this page. Every parent/guardian of a student enrolled at Sherwood for the 2007/08 school year is eligible.

Please return Nomination Forms to the school office before October 2, 2007 or at the Council meeting that evening. (If someone else is putting a name forward, it is important to check with the person nominated to make sure he/she accepts the nomination and is willing to run for a position on the School Council.)

Historically, Council

meetings at Sherwood start at 7 p.m. and last approximately 1 1/2-2 hours so we are looking for members who can commit to 8-10 Tuesday evenings during the school year.

If an election is necessary, it will be held on Parents' Night, October 11, 2007. A voting station will be set up outside the Auditorium.

Parents' Night is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and have a *brief* discussion about their progress. There are hundreds of parents who attend

Parents' Night, therefore, interviews must be *short*. If you require more than 10 minutes, please arrange an interview with the teacher at an alternate, mutually convenient time.

Tip—bring along the preliminary report on Parents' Night if you don't bring along the student!

Please obtain a map at the school entrance which contains the location of the teachers who are present for Parents' Night. Teachers will be located in the Cafeteria or Library if their classroom is not on the main floor.