



Sherwood Secondary School

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School Council Minutes

Date: October 17, 2017

Location: Sherwood School Library/Learning Commons

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Christine Atkinson, Jackie Brown, Wendy Burley, Kelly George-Dalglish, Cheryl Gzik, Sandi Horton, Natalie Hrestak, Lydia Kuratnik, Karen Lenk, Jennifer Pawczuk, Janeen Schaeffer, Elizabeth Skenderis, Shelley Stacey, Lisa Urban, Beth Woof, Fariha Woolvett

Minutes recorded by Fariha Woolvett

1. Welcome, Attendance, School Council Purpose -
2. Approval of Minutes -
3. Principal's Report given by Beth Woof -
 - Ministry is focusing on Math since the School and the Board success rates have decreased.
 - The Board continues to focus on Well-Being for All and Learning for All.
 - School Plan is being presented to Superintendent later this week. Sherwood's preferred future is for students to reach their full potential, graduate but graduate fully equipped for the world in their thinking. The School will implement strategies to help bump up students just sitting at the provincial standard. Each department head will work with their team of teachers to help students within their fields. Learning skills will be a major focus for students at Sherwood.
 - School Reunion will take place this month.
 - There is an online survey on the Board website pertaining to school security vs. individual privacy. Here is a link to the survey.
https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bw31FVyHaeC8xzTSchool Council is asking parents to participate in this urgent survey.
4. Teacher's Report given by Jackie Brown -
 - September is a busy time of the year, especially for grade nines. Rock climbing will take place for students in Physical Education starting next week in Gym C as well as in semester two.
 - Fall sports are winding down. Winter sports will be starting up soon.
 - Mr. Weston would like to pass on that yearbooks are for sale.
 - Parent interviews will take place on Wednesday October 18. Sign up online.
 - Spirit wear can be ordered. This is the only fundraiser for Phys Ed.
 - Take Your Kid to Work Day will take place November 1. Forms have gone home.

-Halloween Dance on October 26 from 6-10 pm. 50 tickets have been sold, and 100 in total need to be sold by the end of the week to go ahead with dance.

-Parents are encouraged to keep in touch with their child's teacher via email regarding their child's progress.

5. Math Report given by Elizabeth Skenderis –

-The Math Department will have after school Math help on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45 to 3:45 pm. Also, there is a list of Math apps on the Board catalogue available for students to use on their iPads. Teachers are always available to help students.

-This will hopefully help increase student knowledge and success in the Math area.

-There is also free Math support for Grade 7 to 10 students. Students log in with their OEN (Ontario Education Number). Here is a link to the registration video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS5X9yGhl00>

-Students are encouraged to know their multiplications times tables, adding and subtracting integers and fractions etc.

-Other helpful websites:

Gaps Closing Tools

http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/gap_closing.html

Parenting Teens and Math Support

<http://edugains.ca/resourcesMath/CE/HomeSupport/PartneringWithYourTeen.pdf>

6. Parent Input regarding 2018-2019 Bell Schedule and program: SPARK program by John Raty. Research shows that physical activity awakens a student's brain so that they can focus and succeed in their subsequent academic (Math) class. In this program, students will wear a POLAR heart rate monitor. Information is recorded on an iPad. Sherwood would like input on a different bell schedule and/or program next year to help accommodate this program (e.g. 5 periods vs. 4 periods, earlier and/or later bell times, shorter breaks between periods). This will be discussed further at the next School Council meeting.

7. Screenagers Date: November 28 at 7 pm for parents, caregivers, and students.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 21 at 6:30 pm in the Sherwood Learning Commons.