



Sherwood

Secondary School

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School Council Minutes

Date: September 18, 2018

Location: Sherwood School Library/Learning Commons

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Chuck Balazs, Wendy Burley, Gabrielle Cardwell, Jeannette Chehowski, Shannon Collerman, Sandi Horton, Sharon Metcalfe, Janeen Schaeffer, Deborah Simon, Ramona VanderGiessen, Nicole Weus, Beth Woof, Fariha Woolvett

Minutes recorded by Fariha Woolvett

1. Welcome, Introductions
2. Positions of School Council:
Secretary of School Council- Fariha Woolvett
School Council Chair – Deb Simon
3. Purpose of School Council – to build community, to become connected to the school and your children. It is also a requirement of the HWDSB. School Council is a learning community, where Council learns about different initiatives and can make informed decisions keeping in mind a school-wide perspective.
4. Principal Report given by Beth Woof:
Currently there are 1205 students enrolled in the school. All rooms are filled and used within the school. Approximately half the students are enrolled in the French immersion program.
On the HWDSB website, there are five pillars: Student Achievement, Well-Being and Positive Culture, Communication, Facilities, and Partnership. At Sherwood, the School Plan focuses on Learning For All, Well-Being For All, and Communication For All.
Cell Phone Policy: Effective September 4, the policy is when the bell rings, all devices are to be out of sight, out of touch, out of sound. This is until the teacher decides to use technology as a learning tool. The teacher will state the purpose for and the use of the technology. The goal is focused learning; the school is not anti-learning. If parents need to get in touch with their child and it is an emergency, they can contact the school office and speak to office staff.
If after 3 infractions the behaviour continues and parents have been informed, the phone could be taken away or the student sent home.

Parent Teacher Night: October 18

Facilities Update: There are no new news items for Sherwood. Lead testing took place over the summer. Pipes are tested and flushed until the pipes are safe. It is safe to drink from the fountains. New lighting fixtures have been installed in the learning commons. There are new windows. Minor upgrades continue to be done in the school.

Facts and Figures: 66% of grade 10 students passed the OSSLT. Those who passed are achieving high marks. Therefore, there is a huge gap between those who passed and those who failed. The school will explore if the use of cell phone impacted this.

Achievement and Next Steps: Student Success will meet with grade 8/elementary teachers to help with transitions into highschool. Teachers will also go back and explore elementary data to help students succeed even if they didn't succeed with grade nine EQAO and grade 10 OSSLT.

Student Success: Parent info sessions 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after interviews on Parent Teacher Night. Some topics to be discussed: homework, Board-issued ipads, school cash online, feedback on future topics/questions about being a new Sherwood parent.

Mental Health and Support: The HWDSB has a strategy called "WE HELP". The Board is shifting to conscious attentiveness to well-being. Students are demonstrating anxiety in many different ways.

5. Mental Health report given by Shannon Collerman (PHN):
Sherwood is considered a target school. Priority area in Sherwood is mental well-being. Public Health will provide support for students, parents, staff and community. The focus will be on ensuring students are feeling good about themselves and mental well-being.
6. Teacher and Student Reports will be given at the next meeting.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday October 16 at 6:30 pm in the Sherwood Learning Commons.