



Sherwood Secondary School

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School Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday September 17, 2019

Location: Sherwood School Library/Learning Commons

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Christine Atkinson, Jackie Brown, Deborah Brown-Simon, Aldara Grimo, Sandi Horton, Sylvia Jarrett, Mike Martin, Janeen Schaeffer, Lisa Urban, Ramona VanderGiessen, Beth Woof, Fariha Woolvett

Minutes recorded by Fariha Woolvett

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Purpose for School Council- Parents, teachers, students and staff discuss school-wide topics and make decisions for the whole school.
3. Elections- Positions include chairs or co-chairs, the school nurse, and secretary. Co-chairs are Deb Simon and Sandi Horton. Fariha Woolvett will be secretary for 2019-2020.
4. Student Report given by Aldara:
 - Student Council has started with an upcoming election. Activities will follow the elections. There are various groups starting up including the indigenous group, positive space and students for change. 2 students will also be elected to Student Senate to represent Sherwood and to collaborate with elementary student senators, other secondary senators and board members.
 - Terry Fox run will take place on Thursday September 26 at 10 am. The school is encouraging students to bring in \$5 towards cancer research. Terry Fox t-shirts are also for sale. Students can either walk or run the course. Donations can also be done online.
5. Teacher report given by Jackie Brown:
 - September is a busy month for all students, especially grade nine students. There are many activities going on for Physical Education. The school will not be getting a new turf field. Grade nine sports are girls and boys soccer, touch football, field hockey etc.
 - For information on activities at Sherwood, check the Twitter feed @sherwood_hwdsb
 - Student Athletic Council will be starting up soon.
 - Clothing sale will also start on Monday. This includes spirit wear and physical education clothing.
 - Preliminary reports will be coming home after October 3. This is a brief but

- thorough report on how your child is progressing.
- If you have any concerns, contact your child's teacher by email and use parent-teacher interview night to discuss with the teacher.
 - Parent-teacher night will be October 17. You can book an interview for that night or any other time. This information will be available on the preliminary report.
 - Sherwood will be having a musical this year, Matilda, in the spring.
 - The healthy sexuality curriculum hasn't changed much. There is already a cell phone protocol at the school. Students and staff are all aware of it.
 - Awards ceremony will be changing. Some possibilities include three smaller ceremonies with students only at lunch, or recognizing them at the front of school on a tv monitor etc. We will discuss this further at the next meeting after staff discuss possibilities.

6. Principal Report given by Beth Woof:

- Continuous Learning and Improvement – the focus is on empowering students, in a inquiry-based learning environment in order for them to be critical thinkers. There is a focus on graduating students and improving math scores. The school is guided by the “Learning for all” and “Well-being for all”, the first two pillars of the Board.
- Numbers: Sherwood has 8000+ credits, 4SHSMs, 250+ IEPs, 1212 enrolled, 64% passed the OSSLT, 34% are at a level 4, and 32 are in a special class.
- Lockdown at 11:34 am on Tuesday September 17. There was a rumour about a disturbance coming to Sherwood. The school decided to go into a lockdown for student safety. Hamilton Police surrounded the school and decided the threat was not in the school. The incident started on social media and progressed from there but again the threat did not enter the school. It became a hold and secure after that.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 19 at 6:30 pm in the Sherwood Learning Commons.