



Sherwood Secondary School

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SHERWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting through MS Teams

Attendance

Staff Reps: Wendall Gillis (Principal), Dian Alexandre (Vice Principal), Kelly George-Dalgleish

Co-Chairs: Deborah Simon, Sandi Horton

Administrative Assistant: Melissa Wagner-Wong

Parent Reps: Stephanie Baschiera, Jennifer Durley, Lisa Urban, Shanda Licop, Eliza-Jane Scott, Crystal Holland, Jennifer Ward, John Popoola, Shelley Stacey

Student Rep: Areej Hussain (student rep)

Community Rep: n/a

Absent: Stephanie McNeill (Vice Principal - short list), Connie O'Hagen, Katrina Pavlovic, Danijel Radojevic, Julie Carr, Carly Jones, Tracey vanGageldonk, Jay Edington, Michelle Bohaychuk, Mike Martin, Lisa Mantysaari, Sara Alasadi (student rep)

Proceedings

1. **Call to Order and HWDSB Land Acknowledgment** (Ms. Simon)
 - a. The March Sherwood School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Co-Chair, Deb Simon; followed by Ms. Licop reading the HWDSB Land Acknowledgement.



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2. Welcome and Participant Introductions

- a. At 6:02 all in attendance introduced themselves.

3. Sherwood Student Council Report (Areej Hussain)

- a. Prom is scheduled for May 26, 2022.
- b. Krispy Kreme donuts will be sold from April 4 – 8, 2022.
- c. Pep rally planned for beginning of May 2022.
- d. Ms. Hussain was excused from the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

4. Acceptance of February Minutes (Deb Simon)

- a. Ms. Scott made a motion at 6:10 p.m. to accept the February 2022 minutes.
- b. Ms. Horton seconded the motion.
- c. Motion passed; minutes accepted.

5. Principal's Report/Future of Sherwood Update (Mr. Wendall Gillis)

- a. Mr. Gillis has been making classroom visits during Period 1, really likes Sherwood's students, staff, and parents and thinks this is a great school.
- b. Sherwood is a big school, with lots of pathways, and lots going on.
- c. Recent PD Day events for staff: High Expectations (continuing to challenge our pedagogy.)
 - i. High yield strategies, Voice and Choice (different from Chalk and Talk), continue to engage yourself as a teacher.
 - ii. 23 teachers volunteered to lead discussions/presentations.
- d. Schools are moving forward out of Covid protocols.
 - i. Masks worn after March Break.
 - ii. The message from the Board is to respect the choice of others.
 - iii. In greeting students after March Break, Mr. Gillis noticed about 95% were wearing masks and there were zero issues; it was a normal, respectful environment.
- e. Prom is officially on (as protocols now allow for it), with Ms. George-Dagleish in charge (staff who help with prom do so voluntarily and are not paid).
- f. The Athletic Banquet is back on.
- g. Commencement moving forward.
 - i. Looking for input and feedback on grad vs. commencement, as the Board has changed graduation to commencement.



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- ii. Graduation requires that the 30-credit requirement has been met and you are officially graduating, students who did not meet the criteria were not allowed to cross the stage.
- iii. The Board is considering the commencement model and how that looks.
 - 1. Commencement is not about receiving 30 credits, it is a celebration of your years of education (or marks, exams).
 - 2. Teachers have 48 hours to go through exams, write comments, prepare grades/awards, with graduation the next day.
 - 3. Commencement means you do not have to hold the ceremony at the end of June when it is a scramble, especially this year when staff might be busy packing for the Barton move.
 - 4. Student Council will be included in the discussion.
 - 5. At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Scott asked if students will still walk across the stage at commencement; Mr. Gillis responded that it would look the same as graduation, students will walk across the stage and receive a diploma.
 - 6. Most admin want this flexibility; it is also hard to book venues in Hamilton all at the same time (end of June).
 - 7. Commencement is more about a celebration than grades and awards (equity/inclusiveness as per the Board).
 - 8. Mr. Gillis is looking for Council input, no formal decision has been made.
- h. Site Selections
 - i. Staff learned about the decision when the public did; even the Principal was excluded from the decision.
 - ii. Mr. Gillis will make sure everything is safe and that programming will be available.
 - iii. Aiming for September 2022 start at Barton.
 - iv. Side Committee: staff, parents, students to be updated regularly.
 - v. Option sheets were completed in February, must match staff to classes, timetable should be ready by end of May, but won't necessarily be handed out: need to know if we will have all the same classrooms, tech rooms, etc. available and will the machines be working. Will we have enough specialty rooms? The site determines how the timetable is built. Timetables are dependent on the facility, hard to do when we do not know when Barton will be ready.



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- vi. Science classes can be held in classrooms, labs can be booked when needed.
- vii. Mr. Gillis is very interested in the new facility, will it be ready, safety standards, etc. (Facilities dept. is already working on this). Will make sure Barton is safe first and that all classes will be available, not willing to cancel classes.
- viii. Teachers will be responsible for packing up their classrooms, however the Board will hire movers. Teachers will have to work nights to get it done.
- ix. Council to keep this on the agenda if anyone has questions.
- x. At 6:51 p.m., Ms. Scott asked what is at the Barton location now and if her child in French Immersion can go out of boundary instead of going to Barton? Mr. Gillis answered that Barton is currently empty, without any furniture and that he expects the Board to decline transfer requests.
- xi. Will post Q and As on the website, as was done for protocols.
- xii. At 6:53 p.m., Ms. Simon asked about the cafeteria. Mr. Gillis had been on a tour of Barton, and it has a good cafeteria and library, but he would like to go back to count rooms, etc. Should know soon how many science classes vs. how many classrooms available, how many portables needed.
- xiii. At 6:55 p.m., Ms. Durlly asked if students could go to Barton for a tour. Mr. Gillis thinks a transition week would be a good idea.

6. Current & Upcoming Events (Kelly George-Dalgleish)

- a. At 6:57 p.m., Ms. George-Dalgleish provided the Extra Curriculars List, see enclosed, please email her with questions.
- b. Construction Club has started.
- c. Musical will be held June 1, Music Night June 9 (audience allowed).
- d. Prom and grad – Ms. George-Dalgleish is the teacher rep with Mr. M. Murkovich, will need to form committee still.
- e. New to Sherwood: Girls Rugby.
- f. Training in the library for teachers: learning OneDrive (Google is gone).

7. Other Business

- a. At 7:02 p.m. Ms. Holland asked if Sherwood would keep its name at Barton. Mr. Gillis assured her that they will remain the Sherwood Saints, Ms. Stacey is on the Parent Involvement Committee and informed Council they were told the name would stay.



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- b. Ms. Simon added there are lots of questions remaining about the school, so feel free to ask and email questions.

8. Confirmation of Date and Time of Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting will be April 19, 2022.

9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 with Mr. Gillis thanking all in attendance.

Minutes recorded by:

Melissa Wagner-Wong, Administrative Assistant
 Sherwood School Council

Extra-Curricular List

Ambassadors	A. Sillett, E. Grilli
Music	
Band (Repertoire)	R. Baker
Jazz Band	R. Baker
Concert Band	M. Cividino
Choir	R. Baker
Music Council	R. Baker , M. Cividino
Tech Crew	M. Cividino
Badminton	R. Teufel, C. McGee
Baseball	
Boys	R. Stevens, J. Chambers, R. Hockney
Girls	J. Chambers, C. Van Impe
Softball	G. Zaroski
Basketball	
Grade 9 Basketball (Boys)	
Grade 9 Basketball (Girls)	L. Arnold, L. Druery
Jr. Basketball (Boys)	C. Thomaidis
Jr. Basketball (Girls)	A. Sillett
Sr. Basketball (Boys)	A. Sanders
Sr. Basketball (Girls)	A. Sillett



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BIPOC Saints Community	M. Pitt, O. Kaynak, L. Armstrong-Hippolyte
Book Club	L. Petty, Sobel
Construction Club	Balzar
Cross Country	I. Allen, Z. Castaldi
Dance Team	S. Rose, A. Puffer, N. Fanara
Drama Club	J. Fracchioni, K. George-Dagleish
Equity Team (Staff)	D. Pacey, E. Church
Field Hockey	J. Brown, J. French, A. Falasca
Football	
Sr. Football (Boys)	C. Behrens
Jr. Football (Boys)	R. Teufel
Grade 9 Touch football (Girls)	C. Van Impe
Girls Group+	J. Wilson, S. Dawson
Golf	M. Cividino, G. Zaroski, M. Mayo
Hockey	
Hockey (Boys)	J. Michaud, R. Teufel
Hockey (Girls)	R. Stevens, C. Van Impe
Inside Sherwood Saints Club	A. Sillett
Math Society	C. Brady
Math (grade 12 Fill in the Gaps)	C. Brady
Pickleball	J. French
Queer and Trans Discussion Group	A. Barrigar, E. Church
Reach for the Top Trivia	A. Gocentas, L. Petty, B. McLeod, O. Kaynak
Rugby (Girls)	S. Cadogan
Saints Against Racism	L. Petty, B. McLeod, O. Kaynak, Armstrong-Hippolyte
Ski and Snowboard Team	K. George-Dagleish, J. French, J. Michaud
Soccer	
Soccer (Boys)	S. Jones
Soccer (Girls)	J. Brown, A. Falasca
Grade 9 Soccer (Girls)	A. Puffer, M. Duncan, A. Falasca
Grade 9 Soccer (Boys)	S. Jones
Student Athletic Council	J. Brown, J. French, R. Tuefel
Student Council	M. Murkovich, N. Fanara
Tennis	A. Sanders, J. Columbus, C. Thomaidis



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Track and Field	I. Allen, Z. Castaldi
Ultimate Frisbee	A. Sanders, A. Herrington
Waterpolo	
Waterpolo (Jr. & Sr. Boys)	M. Murkovich, G. Hemrica, K. George-Dalgleish
Waterpolo (Jr. & Sr. Girls)	J. French, A. Puffer
Volleyball	
Volleyball (Jr. Boys)	A. Gocentas, A. Barrigar
Volleyball (Jr. Girls)	A. Falasca, K. George-Dalgleish
Volleyball (Sr. Boys)	R. Teufel
Volleyball (Sr. Girls)	A. Gocentas, A. Barrigar
Volleyball (Co-ed)	A. Gocentas, R. Teufel
Wellness Committee	E. Grilli, S. Martin
Yearbook	C. Weston