

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

December 14, 2010

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

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| Present: | Alana Ali | Stan Farber |
| | Christy Armstrong | Barb Gage |
| | Joanie Asch (Secretary) | Bessie Giovanopoulos |
| | Jill Badgery | Usha Neermul |
| | Urvashi Biswal | Laura Smith |
| | Neil Blacher | Wendy Verreault |
| | Carolyn Eckersley (Chair) | Nancy Young |

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Ginny Kopan, seconded by Bessie Giovanopoulos, that the minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting be approved. CARRIED.

3. Student Report

Alana Ali reported that United Way fundraising had raised \$288, with Grade 12 winning the battle of the grades. 132 tickets to Casino Night have been sold.

A waffle breakfast will be held on December 17 with Mayor Jim Watson as the guest speaker.

The Environmental Club will be surveying each class for recommendations on energy efficiency.

4. Principal's Report

Barb Gage reported that reports of property theft have increased recently, most noticeably in the gym change rooms. As a result, surveillance cameras will be installed in school hallways. While there will not be any cameras in the gym change rooms, there will be installations in the hallways facing the change room doors. The cost will be approximately \$7,000.

A discussion ensued on the school budget, noting that the average daily enrolment was audited as of the end of October and March. The school-generated and board funds are audited each January, as dictated by the OCDSB.

No update on the grad auction was available. Alana Ali is to raise this issue with the Student Council.

Barb Gage advised that there is an issue with the commencement budget. While it is estimated that 250 students will graduate, 225 will attend the convocation ceremony. A discussion ensued regarding funding the costs associated with the convocation ceremony. A survey undertaken by the Guidance Department indicated that a majority of students did not want graduation caps, so those will be eliminated this year. Barb Gage noted that funds were only provided for the certificates, and nothing else.

Moved by Bessie Giovanopoulos, seconded by Carolyn Eckersley, that the school will keep the awards without any dollar value assigned, and will charge \$25 per graduate for the cost of commencement exercises, which will include the grad breakfast, the gowns and the convocation reception. CARRIED.

There will be a talent show on the afternoon of December 17, which will include a play called "Cinderella" which will feature Mr. Case.

School transfer applications will be accepted from February 14 to 25.

Option sheets are due on March 1. Course calendars will be available in mid-January in hard copy as well as online, on the OCDSB website.

It was reported that 150 people attended the post-secondary information evening. As a result, the school received \$360 from the Continuing Education Department, which was forwarded to the Guidance Department for the purchase of additional career cruising books.

5. Teachers' Report

Christy Armstrong reported sales of Borden Wear had been successful. 50 letters had been written to Amnesty International. Attendance at the upcoming summatives and exams were strongly encouraged.

6. OCASC / Secondary Schools Meeting

Bessie Giovanopoulos reported that there was no meeting in December. The next OCASC meeting will be in February 2011.

7. Other Business

Student Fees

A discussion took place regarding student fees. It was noted that the examples provided were for voluntary activities, and that the \$50 per year charged in 2011 had not changed in several years. The majority of this fee goes to the cost of producing the school yearbook. Subsidies are available for students who cannot afford this. It was suggested that a discussion on fees take place at a future council meeting, and that information on fees be added to the sports section of the school's website. Fees will also be included on the course option sheets for the next school year.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:56.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary