

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

February 8, 2011

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Alana Ali	Ginny Kopan
	Ronda Annett	Joy Moskovic
	Christy Armstrong	Usha Neermul
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	John Rager
	Neil Blacher	Judy Smith
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Laura Smith
	Bessie Giovanopoulos	Wendy Verreault
	Deborah Johnson	Nancy Young

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Student Report

Alana Ali reported that January had been busy with summatives and exams. Yoga lessons are available to students and teachers, and a weight room membership is \$10. The school's trip to Egypt has been cancelled as a result of recent political events. Key Club and Kiwanis are teaming up for a February 14 candygram fundraiser, with a Haitian charity as the beneficiary.

4. Principal's Report

Wendy Verreault provided the Principal's Report as Barb Gage was in Toronto. A brief discussion ensued regarding the new exam schedule. Feedback from staff noted that there was more collaboration between teachers for exam writing, and there was not much deviation in marks. Some parents of Grade 9 students had been confused regarding the grade 9 math exam / summative / EQAO test.

Report cards will be distributed on February 14.

9 new teachers have started. Course contracts for 2011-2012 course selections have begun and are due on March 1st.

A reminder of a PD Day on February 18, followed by Family Day on February 21 was provided. It was noted that March Break will be from March 14 – 18. There will be a Youth Conference on April 13, and 6 volunteers are needed to help with the lunch for presenters.

5. Teachers' Report

Christy Armstrong reported that course selections are now underway, and courses are filled on a first come – first served basis. It was recommended that students talk to current teachers about

subject choices for next year. Assemblies were held at the beginning of the semester, and students were asked for feedback. The results were hanging in the library.

6. Presentation: Public Health Nurse

Jill Behn and Abeer Chokor, two public health nurses, provided information on the services provided to public schools. A public health nurse is in the school once a week. The "Live It Up" program promotes healthy living. They noted that the majority of SRB students walk to school, given the nature of the catchment area.

Organized events at SRB include Minute to Win It; a year-end carnival; a yoga club; nutrition displays and a smoothie event. Curriculum support is also provided to teachers.

SRB is also the location of a satellite sexual health clinic, where testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections is available, along with testing for HIV. Birth control and free condoms are available. The same nurses attend the clinic each week.

The Healthy Smiles program focuses on oral hygiene for low income, uninsured students up to age 17.

The School Food and Beverage policy was discussed, and it was noted that implementation is scheduled for September 1, 2011.

7. Presentation: Pastoral Care

John Rager provided information on pastoral care, noting that many of the pastoral care providers have paid jobs but provide pastoral care to schools on a volunteer basis. To be certified, a pastoral care work must support a multi-faith environment.

At SRB, John is in the school over one lunch hour each week. An informal referral system is in place.

8. Secondary Schools Meeting

Bessie Giovanopoulos reported on two presentations that she had recently seen and highly recommended. One was a video by Sir Ken Robinson (which can be found on TED.com), and the other was led by Mark Lafleur.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:07.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary