

DRAFT Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

May 10, 2011

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Alana Ali	Ginny Kopan
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Lionel Moser
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Joy Moskovic
	Kayla Estrin	Usha Neermul
	Stan Farber	Laura Smith
	Barb Gage	Katherine Stauch
	Bessie Giovanopoulos	Wendy Verreault
	Deborah Johnson	Nancy Young

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Nancy Young, seconded by Carolyn Eckersley, that the minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED.

Moved by Stan Farber, seconded by Alana Ali, that the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED.

3. Student Report

Alana Ali reported that the Multicultural Club recently had an Aboriginal guest speaker, and that Live It Up had raised funds for floor hockey. An environmental audit had been done, and results were due shortly. The Key Club raised over \$300 for cancer through the sale of daffodils.

The band had a concert on March 31, and raised \$2400 through an annual garage sale. The annual banquet will be on June 17, and a trip to New York City is upcoming.

The campaign for the 2011-2012 student council will begin soon.

4. Feature Presentation: School Resource Officer (SRO)

Constable Jason Bond provided information on the role of an SRO, which includes conducting investigations; acting as a referral for issues (mental health, crimes, etc.); to assist the school with issues (drugs, thefts, etc.); and to provide a presence at functions and events.

Constable Bond noted that there are few serious incidents at SRB. Over the past year there have been 7 calls for thefts from lockers. There has been an overall increase in calls related to bullying, which is tied in to the increased use of social media.

Constable Bond is the SRO for 13 schools, and visits each one sporadically.

In response to a question, Constable Bond noted that there has been a huge decrease in the number of students participating in Tequila Sunrise activities. He also noted that there is a curfew in effect for those under 18, which runs from 12:00 to 6:00 a.m.

5. Principal's Report

Barb Gage advised that there were 28 sessions plus assemblies during the Youth Power Conference. While some senior students skipped the event, most students quite enjoyed it. She anticipated repeating it bi-annually.

The grade 9 students had written a mock Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, using last year's test, in order to familiarize them with what they would be facing when they write the test in grade 10. Only 4 out of 269 grade students missed writing the test this year.

Ms. Gage noted that fewer transfer requests had been received. Meetings with Greenbank Middle School are underway regarding the transition of students to SRB.

The grad breakfast will be held on June 1, and the locker cleanout will take place on June 9. Due to funding received from the Board, there will be no charge for the commencement this year.

Barb Gage and Edie Bonisteel are contacting graduating students who are short of credits or volunteer hours, to ensure they understand they will not be graduating.

It was noted that Monday, June 20 is a regular school day, with teachers doing reviews. Commencement will take place at 10:00 AM on June 30. It was noted that the prom and after party are not school-sanctioned events.

Wendy Verreault advised that 94% of SRB students participated in the recent student survey. Preliminary results would likely be available in October.

Next year's enrolment is anticipated to be 927 students.

6. Teachers' Report

Katherine Stauch, attending for Chrissy Armstrong, advised that grads must sign up in the office if they wish to attend the June 1 grad breakfast. The athletic assembly will be held on June 8.

Link Crew has changed for next year, as it is no longer offered as a course but as a program. There will be similar activities. There has been lots of interest from students in signing up as volunteers, and volunteer hours are available.

7. Other Business

No one has volunteered to attend the Secondary School Council. It was suggested that 2-3 people be assigned next year, to cover off attendance.

Topics for feature presentations for 2011-2012 were discussed, and tentatively are:

September 13 – election, Special Education, Student Success
November 8 – Department Heads
November 29 – Post-Secondary Information Night
January 17 – Course Calendar
March 20 – TBD
May 8 – TBD
June 12 – Election

Suggestions for the To Be Determined events include:

- new technology / wifi rollout
- A panel on bullying / drug and alcohol issues / mental health / eating disorders
- The role of an OCDSB trustee

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Carolyn Eckersley advised that the Parent Council account has a credit of \$346. One of the microwaves purchased last fall is no longer functioning. A discussion is to take place at the next meeting regarding the use of the remaining funds.

A discussion took place on a proposed development in Craig Henry, noting that the OCDSB will not take a position on the development until a traffic study is completed. Writing a letter to the City was discussed, and a letter was to be drafted.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:20.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary