

Draft Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

November 9, 2010

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:

Alana Ali	Sheryl Hamilton
Ronda Annett	Patrick Kirkham
Christy Armstrong	Ginny Kopan
Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Paul McAnany
Urvashi Biswal	Lionel Moser
Neil Blacher	Joy Moskovic
Edie Bonisteel	Usha Neermul
Kelly DiCesare	Graham Satterthwaite
Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Kevin Shea
Kayla Estrin	Laura Smith
Stan Farber	Katherine Stauch
Barb Gage	Wendy Verreault
Bessie Giovanopoulos	Nancy Young
Susan Griffin	Eugene Zubryn

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Ginny Kopan, seconded by Bessie Giovanopoulos, that the minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting be approved. CARRIED.

3. Feature Presentation: Department Heads

The Department Heads provided information on their various departments.

Patrick Kirkham provided information on the Physical Education / Parenting / Intramural and Extramural Sports programs, noting that there was an increased focus on intramural sports this year.

Kevin Shea provided information on Arts / Music / Drama, noting that bridging the gap between music and technique was being developed in conjunction with Greenbank Middle School. He also noted an increased interest in Architectural Technology.

Eugene Zubryn provided information on English, noting that an increased focus on the introduction of other cultures was being developed in the literature area of various courses. In addition, a literacy course is being offered bi-annually.

Katherine Stauch provided information on French, Spanish and Link Crew courses.

Graham Satterthwaite provided information on Science and Library courses.

Susan Griffin provided information on Special Education and Student Success courses, noting that the Learning Strategies course in Grade 9 is now part of the optional course offerings.

Edie Bonisteel provided information on Guidance, Co-op and Careers information, noting that e-learning courses are provided through the OCDSB, and that there are dual-credit courses where students can obtain courses for high school and college credit.

Christy Armstrong provided information on Social Science and Humanities courses, noting that the Grade 11 World History course will be offered bi-annually.

Paul McAnany provided information on Math and Computer Studies courses, noting that the Grade 9 EQAO math tests in January and June are also the final exam for the Grade 9 math courses. In addition, online tutoring is now available, as a new government initiative. Further, the MOB (an after-school math homework initiative) is available, as are web resources for mastery.

4. Student Report

Alana Ali reported that 150 tickets had been sold for a school dance held on October 15. The last week of October was Spirit Week, and the school clubs are all underway. While November will be a quieter month Casino Night is scheduled for December 10.

5. Principal's Report

Barb Gage reported that the police were impressed at the success of a lock-down practice held on October 4. Information was provided on the upcoming student survey, where the information will be used to assist students who are at risk or marginalized. The information gleaned through the survey will be owned by the Board, who is paying for it, and cannot be used by other entities. Early results from the survey will be available in March 2011.

Barb Gage also noted changes in report cards, which will be distributed on November 23, 2010.

For the ZAP (Zeros aren't permitted) exams, only 75 students were identified, of which 60 actually wrote the exams.

The December staff meeting will include staff from Greenbank Middle School.

The school budget will be on the agenda for discussion at the December Council meeting. In the past, \$7,000 was spent on commencement, which is no longer affordable. Council was asked for alternative suggestions to support a 50% reduction in this budget line. Commencement exercises will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2011. The individual expenditures for commencement will be distributed to the council members in advance of the December council meeting.

6. Teachers' Report

Christy Armstrong reported that Key Club raised \$900, and donated 50 large boxes of food for the canned food drive. There will be a murder mystery dinner theatre event on December 3 and 4.

7. OCASC / Secondary Schools Meeting

Bessie Giovanopoulos reported that she will be covering the Secondary Schools meetings on a going forward basis. Anyone interested in covering the OCASC meetings should contact Bessie.

8. Other Business

Grad Auction

A concern was expressed over some of the Grade 12 grads not fulfilling their Grad Auction responsibilities, by not going to the dance and instead partying at private homes on the night of the dance. Barb Gage will follow up on this issue with Student Council.

Parent Engagement Policy

It was noted that this policy is posted on the Ministry of Education's website.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:32.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary