

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

June 12th, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Ronda Annett	Stan Farber
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Barb Gage
	Jill Badgery	Louise Harpenny
	Marisa Barkhouse	Steve Jackson
	Neil Blacher	Wendy Verreault
	Sonya Boersma	Nirene Wilson
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Nancy Young

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Ronda Annett, seconded by Marisa Barkhouse, to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2012 meeting as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Student Report

Nirene Wilson was welcomed as the incoming student council representative for 2012-13. Marisa Barkhouse reported that a final student council event, consisting of a barbeque and a movie, was held with over 200 students in attendance. Over \$800 was raised for the Food Bank, and leftover food was provided to the Link Crew barbeque.

The senior girls' varsity soccer team made it to OFSSA, and had a great experience even though they did not win. The senior boys' baseball team and 4 track athletes also made it to OFSSA.

The grad breakfast was held this morning, with many grads attending.

5. Non-Teaching Staff Report

It was reported that contract negotiations are pending. Following an inspection by the Ministry of Labour, the school was lauded for the excellent work that had been undertaken to de-clutter the school. Kudos to the Building Crew for their efforts in this area.

6. Principal's Report

Wendy Verreault advised that student enrolment for 2012-13 was estimated to be 850. No teachers had been declared surplus. Mr. Klein was retiring, and two other teachers were transferring to other schools.

Steve Jackson noted that Kristin Riddell had been appointed as SRB's new vice principal for the 2012-13 school year. Ms. Riddell is currently at Earl of March Secondary School.

Mr. Jackson also noted that increased functionality will be added to the SRB website, including links to Google sites where students can upload work. Teachers will be encouraged have Wiki or Google sites.

The school is changing the providers of the student agendas, which will be distributed to all grade 9 students and any upper year students who wish to purchase one. Serialized locks will be introduced in the next school year, which will reduce the mis-use of lockers.

Barb Gage reported that the Board budget will allow SRB to have a Rideauwood counselor once a week. Cafeteria sales were down overall, but not as much as anticipated. Vending machine sales were dramatically reduced compared to previous years.

A discussion took place regarding student fees, which were anticipated to be \$50 without an agenda, and \$55 with an agenda. It was noted that these are voluntary fees, the largest segment of which is for the yearbook.

It was noted that the school trip in March 2013 will be to Kenya.

7. Meeting Schedule for 2012-13

Following a discussion, the meeting schedule for next year was approved:

September 11		Elections, Special Education, Guidance, New Administrative Team
November 6		Department Heads Presentation
November 27		Post-Secondary Education Night
January 15		Course Calendar for Next Year
March 19		Mental Health / Addictions
May 7		TBD
June 11		Elections, Planning

It was noted that September 27 will be "Meet the Teacher" night.

8. Other Business

A discussion took place regarding the SRB prom. It was noted that this event is not a school-sanctioned event, and as a result the school does not participate in any aspect. Based on information provided, it was noted that two students from the SRB Student Council are appointed as liaisons to the event organizing company that manages all aspects of the event. Many parents are unaware of the costs involved (tickets are in the \$150 range), the location (typically a first-class museum for the dinner, followed by a dance party at Camp Fortune in Quebec), or even the date. In addition, all the events are shared with graduates from two other area high schools.

Some interest was expressed in organizing a coalition of parents who could assist SRB students in organizing an event that was less costly and more personalized to SRB students. This will be brought back to Council in the fall.

Barb Gage was thanked for her work at SRB, and the Council expressed its appreciation for her guidance, communication and efforts at SRB School Council meetings. Members wished her well as she embarks on a new challenge as director of a K-12 international school in Dakar, Senegal.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:30 hours.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary