

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

March 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Ronda Annett	Bessie Giovanopoulos
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Claire Gray
	Marisa Barkhouse	Louise Halpenny
	Neil Blacher	Sheryl Hamilton
	Ema Chaudhuri	Joy Moskovic
	Kayla Estrin	Usha Neermul
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Wendy Verreault
	Stan Farber	James Wright

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Bessie Giovannopoulos, seconded by Joanie Asch, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2011 minutes as amended. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Student Report

Marisa Barkhouse reported that all 300 tickets for Casino Night had sold out, and the event was extremely successful.

A coffee house hosted by the Student Council and Key Club was scheduled for April 13.

A carnival is tentatively scheduled for late May / early June.

5. Non-Teaching Staff Report

James Wright noted that the Guidance Secretary was on extended leave.

6. Presentation: Teenage Mental Health

Dr. Clare Gray from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario presented information on teenage mental health. Key points included:

- Everyone has some level of anxiety. This is only a problem if it affects sleep, daily activities, interactions with friends, etc.
- Academic performance is a good barometer of mental health.
- Various communication strategies were suggested.

- A recommended strategy was to focus on what can and cannot be controlled. For instance, you can control yourself, but you cannot control the actions of others.
- Several websites were recommended, including:
 - Ementalhealth.ca
 - Drcheng.ca
 - Teenmentalhealth.org

7. Principal's Report

Wendy Verreault noted that the graduating grade 12 class consisted of 240 students, and 180 students will be entering Grade 9 in September. There are 16 cross-boundary applications approved, and additional enriched program courses offered, which would be of interest to those who do not want a congregated gifted program.

There is a decreased course choice, due to declining enrolment. This may involve combining some classes, and may require the cancellation of courses.

The current enrolment is 909. The Board's planners have projected an enrolment for September 2012 at 820.

Steve Jackson is the new Vice Principal, from Earl of March in Kanata. Catherine Kennedy and Edie Bonisteel retired on January 31.

The Literacy Test will be held on March 29 for Grade 10 students, and the Grade 9 students will be writing a mock test at the same time.

Barb Gage's replacement will be announced following the long weekend in May.

8. Secondary Schools Committee

Bessie Giovanopoulos reported on the March 8 meeting on e-learning. Grade 10 Careers and Civics is the course most failed and therefore taken online, and also has the longest wait list.

The next meeting is on April 12, and a request was made for another council member to attend on behalf of SRB.

9. Finances

It was reported that there is \$600 in the Council's account.

10. Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2012.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:50.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary