

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

May 8th, 2012

In order to accommodate a special presentation at the School, an abbreviated (one hour) meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2012 at 18:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Ronda Annett	Stan Farber
	Jill Badgery	Barb Gage
	Donna Blackburn	Bessie Giovanopoulos
	Neil Blacher	Sheryl Hamilton
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair; Acting Secretary)	Steve Jackson
	Ismail Emli	Wendy Verreault
		Nancy Young

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Bessie Giovannopoulos, seconded by Ronda Annett, to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2012 meeting as amended. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Student Report

Due to the condensed meeting format, Ms. Barkhouse provided a written report in advance of the meeting. (See attached).

5. Non-Teaching Staff Report

Due to the condensed meeting format, Mr. Wright provided a written report in advance of the meeting. (See attached).

6. Principal's Report

Due to the condensed meeting format, Ms. Gage provided a written report in advance of the meeting to Chair. The Chair distributed the document by email in advance of the meeting and provided printed copies to those present at the meeting. (See attached).

Student Planners – Based on a survey, it has been concluded that school planners are in limited use by grades 10, 11 and 12 students. In order to reduce waste and better control costs, the planners will be provided to all Grade 9 students, with a limited number being made available for students in other grades. Ms. Gage said that the SRB-specific information currently documented in the planners will be posted on the SRB web-site.

Remembering Science Teacher Mr. Hayes – SRB is planning on planting a maple tree and installing a bench on the island in front of the school in memory of Mr. Hayes. There is a proposal that the SRB library be renamed in his honour. The Council supported both of these gestures and provided input on the name for the library.

7. Teaching Staff Report

Ms. Verrault indicated that enrollment for next year was looking like 850 students which is up from the original projection of 820. Nonetheless this translates into the loss of 24 sections or 4 fulltime teachers (with 6 courses each). However, due to enhancements to existing courses, five new sections were picked up. As such, course availability will be adjusted as these numbers firm up through September.

It was reported there are no surplus teachers to declare. Two teachers will be on maternity next year. Mr. Klein will be retiring in June.

8. School Finances

Ms. Gage indicated that per the Ministry and Board guidelines, she is required to provide the Council with routine updates on the School's Finances. She reviewed a G/L summary of the School's expenditures and an overview of how the various accounts are handled. Some points of note included the fact that 44% of the budget goes to instructional programs and 34% pays absences/replacement costs for teachers, administration and clerical staff.

9. Secondary Schools Committee

Carolyn Eckersley attended the SSC on April 12th and briefly updated the group on the presentation on PRIDES - Pilot for Resource Identification and Development for Education in Science. The June SSC meeting will cover student assessment and evaluation.

10. Trustee Donna Blackburn

Ms. Blackburn briefly addressed the Council indicating that the new budget was pending release and that the Teacher's Contracts (9 Bargaining Units) were up for renewal in August.

11. Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2012.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 18:56 hours.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary

May 2012 Principal's Report to School Council

- Very successful April Main even in the Celebration of Culture monies earned went to support girls in learning in Cambodia
- Maintain all staff in the school due to slightly larger increase in grade 9 enrolment from Ottawa Jewish School, 14 transfers and additional students from the Catholic Board and other private schools. Even with these numbers the population of SRB is still declining and is projected for 854 next year. This is becoming an “aging” neighbourhood and families are remaining in the area after children have completed secondary school.
- Many subjects will be “singletons” (the only course offered in the year) and so it may be difficult to timetable some students’ option selections.
- School may get a new gym floor in the summer of 2012-05-04 Summer school will take place at SRB this summer
- Main office will be closed for 3 weeks the summer
- Principal placements may be made on May 23rd.
- Graduation
 - Grad Breakfast on the 12th of June
 - Grad Rehearsal on the 14th of June
 - Grads have opted to wear caps with their gowns so the total Graduation charge is \$25
 - No Graduating student should miss commencement exercises because they can’t afford the cost-there is funding available-just ask guidance counsellor, VP or P
- Student fees remain optional. Should the school not collect fees many optional events will have to be cancelled –these include items such as guest speakers for assemblies and some field trips that the school sponsors completely. Fees for transportation to Athletic events will increase and there will be no subsidy for OFSAA competitors.
- Discussion needed to finalize decisions on student planners
- Looking for support for naming the school library, in memory of Bob Hayes, long time Science teacher at SRB and community member, to “The R.D. Hayes Memorial Library”
- Discussion needed to start decision process on Yearbook (must be funded by individual students AND it is a course)
- The school will provide all supplies necessary for students to complete the curriculum. For instance all projects in woodworking will be of the same wood, students can no longer choose a more expensive type.
- Budget overview-there are 2 types of funds. Board voted funds and school generated funds. The school council account is part of the SGF. SGF accounts are under direct scrutiny and may only be used for activities that directly benefit students. They are also “holding” accounts for field trip accounts or team accounts.

ESP/Bldg Staff Report

ESP and Bldg. Staff were initially anxious about how contract negotiations were proceeding with the Ontario Government. Staff are patiently waiting for word from their collective bargaining representatives.

Health and Safety

Ministry of Labour has yet to grace SRB with an inspection. We're up to date and looking forward to their report.

FALLS training for student AV technicians occurred on Friday, May 4th. All staff and students must have FALLS training for ladders above 8'.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

1. The Student Council is currently planning an end-of-year dinner and movie night. A BBQ will be held at the beginning of the evening outside. Afterwards, students will congregate inside the gym to watch a movie. The movie itself has not been determined yet. It is a possibility that the money raised will go towards a charity or to purchase something for the school.

2. The Student Council has just finished its Hope Bloom fundraiser this week in support of cancer research. Students purchased pins for 50 cents, and hope blooms (stickers) for a dollar to put on the school's wall of "hope". The amount of money raised is yet to be determined.

Thank you very much and please let me know if there is any other information you will need.

Marisa Barkhouse
External Student Representative