

# Minutes

## Sir Robert Borden High School Council

### November 8, 2011

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Ronda Annett	Susan Griffin
	Christy Armstrong	Louise Harpenny
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Patrick Kirkham
	Jill Badgery	Jamie Pender
	Marisa Barkhouse	Graham Satterthwaite
	Neil Blacher	Kevin Shea
	Edie Bonisteel	Katherine Stauch
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Wendy Verreault
	Barb Gage	James Wright
	Bessie Giovanopoulos	Eugene Zubryn

#### 1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

**Moved by Jill Badgery, seconded by Carolyn Eckersley, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 minutes. CARRIED.**

**Moved by Bessie Giovannopoulos, seconded by Rhonda Annett, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 minutes. CARRIED.**

#### 3. Student Report

Marisa Barkhouse reported that over \$1000 was raised from the Spookagrams; over \$1300 was raised from the dance and grad auction, with 200 tickets sold for the dance. She confirmed that grads kept the commitments made at the grad auction, and attended the dance.

On December 16 Student Council is hosting a masquerade casino night.

#### 4. Feature Presentation: Course Overviews

**Patrick Kirkham** provided information on the physical education and family studies courses, as well as extra-curricular and intramural sports and a yoga club.

**Susan Griffin** provided information on special education resources.

**Christy Armstrong** provided information on social science, business, and Canadian and World Studies courses, which cover a variety of topics such as law, economics, the environment, history, philosophy, and work religion.

**Kevin Shea** provided information on arts and technical education courses, noting that these are primarily hands-on and project-driven. These include courses in visual arts, music and drama.

**Edie Bonisteel** provided information on the Guidance Department, noting that counselling is provided for academics, career and personal issues. She highlighted the Career Cruising website, the SHISM courses, e-learning and the dual credit program.

**Eugene Zubryn** provided information on English courses, as well as co-operative education opportunities.

A donation was made by the School Council to the Food Bank on behalf of the SRB Department Heads, in appreciation for sharing this information with the Council.

## **5. Principal's Report**

Wendy Verreault noted that there would be a music concert on December 15. The exam schedule for January and June was explained, noting that no exams were scheduled for January 31, in case there were weather issues that required rescheduling of exams.

Barb Gage noted that there was now a lounge area for students in the library. The Meet-the-Teacher evening had been successful, with a good turnout. A lockdown rehearsal had taken place, with positive feedback from the police.

Barb also advised that following legal advice, the school would no longer be using a breathalyzer at dances or other evening functions. As a result, school dances may no longer take place, due to supervision issues.

Following the September implementation of the Ministry of Education's new School Food and Beverage Policy, cafeteria food sales are down 9% and vending machine sales are down 85%.

A bullying presentation was made to 550 students in grades 9 and 10. An assembly was held for grade 11 and 12 students, which focused on the topic of making students feel welcome.

Barb also noted that she would be leaving Canada on July 5, 2012 as she has accepted a principal position at a not-for-profit K-12 school in Senegal.

## **6. Non-Teaching Staff Report**

Information was provided on various staff positions, such as Kim Wilson who answers the phone in the school office, and Amanda Schiemann, who is the first female chief custodian in the OCDSB.

It was also noted that the Ministry of Labour is inspecting schools to ensure the safety of staff and students.

## **7. Other Business**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2012.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 21:40.

Minutes approved by:

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Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

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Joanie Asch, Secretary