

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

September 13, 2011

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Ronda Annett	Clare Gray
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Danielle Guertin
	Jill Badgery	Sheryl Hamilton
	Marisa Barkhouse	N. Mikhail
	Neil Blacher	Chris Newell
	Monica Budd	Julie Prystupa
	Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Judy Smith
	Ismail Elmi Kayla Estrin	Wendy Verreault
	Stan Farber	James Wright
	Barb Gage	Nancy Young
	Bessie Giovanopoulos	

1. **Call to Order**

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the June 14, 2011 minutes was deferred.

3. **Student Report**

Marisa Barkhouse reported that the first student council meeting had taken place at lunch, and planning was proceeding for a fall dance and a grad auction. The date for the fall dance has not yet been finalized, but will be held in October.

Concerns about the grad auction were expressed, based on events surrounding the 2010 grad auction. Marisa will convey these concerns to the student council, and provide information on how much money was raised at the 2010 grad auction.

4. **Feature Presentation: Special Education and Student Services**

Susan Griffin, head of the Special Education Department at SRB, provided an overview of the special education and student services available to students.

She also noted that parents can meet teachers at Parent Night, scheduled for September 22 at 6:15 PM.

5. **Principal's Report**

Barb Gage provided information on staff changes for this year. Staff have chosen to focus on two goals this year: a numeracy goal, to improve grade 10 applied math results; and to improve the school's cultural goals. The second goal refers to reducing theft, cheating, lates and skips, garbage around the school, and use of technology.

It was noted that the June 2011 school newsletter listed the various school fees, the majority of which are voluntary. Barb confirmed that the majority of parents are paying these fees. In response to a query, she advised that there are no compulsory field trips at SRB, and alternate arrangements would be made for any student who opts not to participate.

The grade assemblies are scheduled to take place this week, and reminders about inoculations were provided. Picture day is September 16, and photo retakes are scheduled for October 11. Grad photos will be taken from November 28 to December 2.

On October 19 progress reports will be going home. A mock provincial election will be taking place with the Grade 10 Civics and Careers classes.

6. Teachers' Report

Danielle Guertin reported that teachers are hard at work, and are happy to respond to voicemails and emails from parents.

7. Non-Teaching Staff Report

James Wright reviewed the different non-teaching staff groups, which he represents at this Council. He noted that the wifi system is now live, with Bell Canada being awarded the contract. There is still some minor work to be done to ensure access throughout the building.

He confirmed that computers and laptops are not required, and there are many units available for use at SRB. Students may bring their own, but are responsible for their personal property. The Internet access is filtered, following the OCSDB policy. Over 300 computers are available and connected to the school's network, and 80% of the classrooms now have digital projectors.

James also noted that students have the opportunity to learn how to use the AV equipment in the auditorium. He advised that the auditorium is available for rent, and students who have received training can provide the AV expertise necessary to rental customers.

8. School Council Elections

Elections for members at large were held for the 2011-2012 school council. **Moved by Joanie Asch, seconded by Bessie Giovanopoulos, that the following slate be elected as members at large to the Sir Robert Borden High School Council for the 2011-2012 school year.**

Ronda Annett
Ismail Elmi

Julie Prystupa
Nancy Young

CARRIED.

9. Other Business

It was noted that CHEO and the OCDSB have teamed up to provide presentations of interest to parents. On October 24, from 7:00 – 9:30 PM there will be a joint presentation at the Adult High School on Outreach to New Parents.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:56.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary