

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

June 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:

Bob Albert	Marcia Hayes
Tracy Albert	Elmi Ismail
Ronda Annett	Samira Ouaz
Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Shannon Plunkett
Meredith Ball	Paula Shaver
Michael Blakely	Wendy Verreault
Carolyn Eckersley (Chair)	Nirene Wilson
Stan Farber	James Wright
Louise Halpenny	Nancy Young
Jennifer Harmon	

1. Call to Order

Carolyn Eckersley called the meeting to order at 18:59 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by James Wright, seconded by Paula Shaver, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Student Report

Nirene Wilson reported that the last Spirit Week had taken place, and the SRB mascot had participated. Overall, there had been many events with good participation over the year. There is approximately \$2000 remaining in the school council budget. It will be applied to the purchase of outdoor picnic tables; a Borden cup, which can be engraved each year; and the continuing sponsorship of a child in Africa.

The Council thanked Nirene for her contribution over the past year, and welcomed Shannon Plunkett as the new student council representative on the school council.

Shannon advised that a similar roster of events will be held in 2013-2014, including:

September 20:	Pep rally, Borden colours and a BBQ
December 6:	Casino Night
February 27:	Much Music Dance Party
April 25:	Coffee House
May 30:	BBQ / Movie Night

3 spirit weeks are planned.

5. Teaching Staff Report

Meredith Ball noted that the summative implementation schedule stems from a Board (not a Ministry) policy. It requires that all courses have two summatives, or a summative and an exam, which are worth 30% of the final mark.

6. Non-Teaching Staff Report

James Wright reported that Carol Darby has been appointed the assistant office administrator, following Beth Johnson's retirement. Toni Bernard remains as office administrator.

7. Principals' Report

Wendy Verreault noted that there were problems with scheduling classes for next year, due to computer issues related to a Trillium update. The boys' baseball team won the city championship, went to OFSAA where they won 1 and lost 2. The Outdoor Education class is going on a hiking trip to the Adirondacks. There is a music trip to New York City. Over 90% of the grade 10 students passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. On June 4, there was a well-attended volunteers' and athletic awards breakfast. Commencement will be on June 28 at 10:00 a.m. Yearbooks were distributed today.

A paper copy of the Assessment and Evaluation document was distributed at the meeting.

In response to a query, Ms. Verreault does not think that there is an official policy about watching movies in class. However, it is expected that the movies are connected to the curriculum and meant to complement direct instruction by the teacher. A list of all movies shown is collected and submitted to comply with Copyright Rules.

8. Secondary School Council Update

Carolyn Eckersley reported that at the SSC, it was noted that the Board encourages teachers to return tests. SSC may pursue this further. A new marking scheme was discussed, which will probably be distributed to parents for feedback in the fall.

9. Council Finances

The chair provided a summary on the Council's financial position at the end of the school year. The remaining funds will be applied against the costs of updating the Council brochure, which will be distributed with the grade 9 information package in the summer.

10. Google Docs

Bob Albert has created the council website and will follow up with the school's administration. This will be showcased at the Meet the Teacher / Grade 9 Parent Information evening.

Moved by Paula Shaver, seconded by Joanie Asch, that Council approves expending up to \$100 for one year's rent on a domain name for the Council website. CARRIED.

It was suggested that all of SRB's staff be listed on the staff list on the SRB website, and not just the teaching staff.

11. Annual Report

The Council's annual report was distributed, and will be filed with the Board by the end of June.

12. Election of 2013-2014 Council Executive

Quorum was met.

Moved by Joanie Asch, seconded by Stan Farber, that Tracy Albert be nominated as School Council Chair. CARRIED.

Tracy Albert was elected chair by acclamation.

Moved by Joanie Asch, seconded by Stan Farber, that Paula Shaver be nominated as School Council Vice Chair. CARRIED.

Paula Shaver was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

Moved by Samira Ouaz, seconded by Paula Shaver, that Joanie Asch be nominated as School Council Secretary / Treasurer. CARRIED.

Joanie Asch was elected secretary / treasurer by acclamation.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:14 hours.

Minutes approved by:

Carolyn Eckersley ,Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary