

# Minutes

## Sir Robert Borden High School Council

### *January 14, 2014*

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Dag Abraham	Louise Halpenny
	Bob Albert	Steve Jackson
	Tracy Albert (Chair)	Mary Anne Mayhew
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Samira Ouaz
	Jill Badgery	Heike Payne
	Neil Blacher	Shannon Plunkett
	Ismail Elmi	Wendy Verreault
	Stan Farber	Andrew Williams

#### 1. Call to Order

Tracy Albert called the meeting to order at 19:07 hours.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

**Moved by Neil Blacher, seconded by Samira Ouaz, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting. CARRIED.**

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

#### 4. Update from the Chair

Tracy Albert advised that the school council's account has a balance of \$542. She reported that a request had been received from the school's administration for School Council funding towards sponsoring snacks on the morning of one of the exam days. The cost was approximately \$250.

**Moved by Jill Badgery, seconded by Louise Halpenny, to approve an expenditure of up to \$250 for the purchase of beverages and snacks to be served to students as a light breakfast before writing exams. CARRIED.**

#### 5. Student Report

Shannon Plunkett reported that several events were being planned, including:

- Casino Night was held on December 6, and made over \$2500.
- A Much Music Video Dance will be held on February 7. Student Council will ask teachers to volunteer to supervise.
- There will be a Spirit Week from February 24 – 28.
- A blood drive will take place prior to March break.

## **6. Principals' Report**

Wendy Verreault reported that students raised \$1665 and teachers raised \$1200 for Movember, all of which will be donated to cancer research. An anti-bullying initiative will take place after exams, and a board-wide survey called "Tell it from Me" will be launched in the spring. The Grade 8 information night will be held on January 16, and various clubs and other groups will be on hand. There will be a focus on the Ontario Literacy Test in February and March, with the goal of providing essential literacy life skills for at-risk students.

An update on sports was provided. Rehearsals for The Wiz continue, with performances scheduled from April 3 – 5. The Grade 9 EQAO test will be administered during exams. It was noted that January 24 is a regular school day.

Assemblies for course contracts will take place on February 3. There will be an information evening for parents on February 4. Report cards will be distributed on February 13.

It was noted that Mr. Mullins remains on leave.

## **7. Teaching Staff Report**

Andrew Williams reported on the winning entries in the Remembrance Day competition, noting that a Grade 10 student took first place.

## **8. Feature Presentation: Course Contracts**

Steve Jackson provided information on course contracts, and reviewed the online process for students who will be entering grades 10, 11, 12 and any returning grade 12 students. The incoming grade 9 students will be submitting their contracts in paper format. Students are to submit signed verification forms at school on February 13 – 17. Parents were referred to the OCDSB's website for extensive information on courses.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 20:25 hours.

Minutes approved by:

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Tracy Albert, Chair

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Joanie Asch, Secretary