

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

May 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Dag Abraham	Carolyn Eckersley
	Ronda Annett	Louise Halpenny
	Roxanne Anderson	Sheryl Hamilton
	Bob Albert	Jennifer Harmon
	Jamey Albert	Steve Jackson
	Tracy Albert (Chair)	Jessica Keats
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Samira Ouaz
	Jill Badgery	Heike Payne
	Michael Blakely	Paula Shaver
	Ema Chaudhuri	Wendy Verreault
	Zoe Dworsky-Fried	Andrew Williams

1. Call to Order

Tracy Albert called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Student Report

Zoe Dworsky-Fried reported that several events were being planned, including:

- Spirit Week, from May 20 - 23.
- BBQ and movie night on May 23.

Newly elected student council members will be invited to the next student council meeting, as part of their orientation.

4. Presentations

a) Martha Sully – Rideauwood Counsellor

Ms. Sully provided information on the school-based counselling program, noting that these programs are designed to increase health behaviours. Some of the 12-step procedures have been incorporated into the program.

She is at SRB 1.5 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and is based in the Guidance Office. Her case load is 18-20 students.

Information was provided on addiction behaviours, teen trends, and the benefits of the school-based program.

b) Constable Krista Mallon, School Resource Officer

Constable Mallon noted that she is a school resource officer for 15 schools, two of which are high schools. The majority of her time is focused on the high schools. She reviewed the typical issues with which she is involved, and described the escalating level of responses based on the crime / activity.

Constable Mallon also provided information on the Youth Diversion program, which aims to deter identified youth from a criminal path.

In addition to providing a positive role in the school and assisting with lockdowns, she discussed the trending issues of cyber-bullying and sexting.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Dag Abraham, seconded by Samira Ouaz, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting. CARRIED.

Moved by Dag Abraham, seconded by Samira Ouaz, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting. CARRIED.

6. Financial Report

The Chair noted that the balance in the council account is \$320.

7. Teaching Staff Report

Andrew Williams reported the following:

- A drum making will be coming to the school to teach Aboriginal drum skills.
- Civics students participated in the Cleaning the Capital program, and cleaned the outside areas adjacent to the school.
- The advanced placement calculus exam will be held on May 7. This is the first advanced placement exam at SRB. Results will be available in July. Of the 22 students in the class, 20 wrote the exam, which offers the equivalent of a university credit.

8. Principals' Report

Wendy Verreault reported that the Tell It From Me survey was completed in April. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test results will be included with report cards. The Cappies Gala will be held on June 8 at the NAC, and is open to all. On April 28, a student-run National Holocaust Remembrance ceremony was held. Student council elections are underway. The Guidance Department is following up with Grade 12 students who have not completed their 40 hours of community service. Some dates to note:

- May 23 – Student Council BBQ and Movie night; locker clean-out day.
- May 28 – Grad breakfast and commencement rehearsal.
- May 29 – last concert.
- June 27 – 10 a.m. student commencement.

Ms. Verreault also reported that SRB will be the new site for two autism units. This will include 12 students, two teachers and four educational assistants, located in a dedicated space.

An increase of \$10 to the school fees for next year was discussed. The total will be \$60. New locks will be distributed to all students at the time of timetable pickup.

9. Secondary School Committee Update

Paula Shaver recommended that parents visit the Secondary Schools Committee webpage (<http://ocasc.ca/secondary-schools-committee/>) for a wealth of information. She noted several topics covered at the April meeting, including:

- Framework for student wellbeing, which is a new initiative for our Board, to evaluate student wellness.
- Safe schools – school dances, holding proms in schools, discipline, school procedures, anti-bullying.
- Discussion on proms, and the recent media attention on the use of breathalyzers at a Kemptville high school.

The May meeting will include a discussion on second language instruction, including best practices, as well as the DEFL program, which assesses competency in French. Over 20 students at SRB write the DELF test each year.

Paula will be vice-chair of SSC next year.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:02 hours.

Minutes approved by:

Tracy Albert, Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary