

# Minutes

## Sir Robert Borden High School Council

### November 12, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:

Tracy Albert (Chair)	Rena Kimia-Sabloff
Ronda Annett	Dafna Kohen
Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Cynthia Mar
Neil Blacher	Samira Ouaz
Ema Chaudhuri	Heike Payne
Carolyn Eckersley	Jamey Pender
Ismail Elmi	Zac Ramsay
Stan Farber	Kristin Riddell
Susan Griffin	Graham Satterthwaite
Louise Halpenny	Paula Shaver
Sheryl Hamilton	Kevin Shea
Emma Johnson	Wendy Verreault
Patrick Kirkham	Andrew Williams

#### 1. Call to Order

Tracy Albert called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours and advised that the agenda would be re-ordered in order to accommodate the staff presentations.

#### 2. Feature Presentation: Department Heads Overview

**Susan Griffin** provided information on special education resources, and services provided by the Guidance Department.

**Patrick Kirkham** provided information on the physical education, family studies, foods and nutrition courses, as well as extra-curricular sports.

**Graham Satterthwaite** provided information on science courses, and the resources of the library.

**Jamey Pender** provided information on math, computer studies, and the Link Crew.

**Kevin Shea** provided information on English, arts, technology and SHSM courses.

Some of the discussion included:

- Students are using math tutors more frequently. Communication between teachers and tutors was recommended.
- No staff have stepped forward to undertake a year-round gym course, which would take place outside of regular class hours. This was attributed to personal commitments, team coaching, etc.

### **3. Student Report**

Student Council co-President Zac Ramsay provided the student report on behalf of Shannon Plunkett. He noted the following:

- Students raised \$500 for Movember, while teachers raised \$50.
- Cake and cupcake auctions were held in the foyer at lunch.
- There will be a basketball tournament on December 6, with proceeds to Student Council.
- There will be a Mystery Dinner Theatre on November 29 and 30. The theatre production is titled, "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning."
- Remembrance Day assemblies featured student work.
- An assembly featuring Rob Nash took place, the focus of which was to inspire students to think about hope and resilience.

### **4. Principal's Report**

Wendy Verreault reported that actual registration is 839 students. Three fire drills and one unscheduled lockdown had taken place, as had an assembly featuring Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. The food drive resulted in donations of 1100 cans and \$240 donated to homeless youth. An SRB student won the CHEO art contest.

On December 5 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a presentation for parents on social network safety at Greenbank Middle School.

Winter sports will be starting shortly, and there will be two buses of students participating in the ski/snowboard club.

Report cards will be distributed on November 21. There is a professional activity date on November 15. November 28 is the last day to drop a course. There will be a college and university information night on November 26, for grade 11 and 12 students and their parents. A waffle breakfast will take place on December 19, followed by a professional activity day on December 20.

### **5. Teaching Staff Report**

Andrew Williams noted that Scholastic pamphlets are available in the Library, and if books are ordered through the school, the Library earns credits. If books are ordered as gifts, they can be delivered to the school and then picked up. He also advised that the Library accepts donations, of either money or used books.

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

Wendy Verreault provided the non-teaching staff report on behalf of James Wright. Jan Yuell has moved to the Board office, and interviews are underway for a replacement. Adrian Peterkin is the new chief custodian, as Amanda Schiemann has moved to Earl of March Secondary School.

### **7. Secondary School Council**

Paula Shaver reported that the SSC meeting was scheduled for November 14. At the last meeting one of the issues discussed was the funding inequities in student transportation. At the

November meeting there will be a presentation on IT in schools and how it is used. A discussion on bullying will also take place.

**8. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by Paula Shaver, seconded by Neil Blacher, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. CARRIED.**

**9. Other Business**

RETURN OF TESTS: It was noted that some teachers are still not returning graded tests to students. Wendy Verreault will address this with staff.

FINANCES: Tracy Albert will provide an interim financial statement at the next meeting.

FUTURE PRESENTATIONS: It was agreed that the March 18 meeting will feature a presentation on SHSM courses, and a school tour. The May meeting will feature presentations from the school resource office and an addictions counsellor from Rideauwood.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 20:55 hours.

Minutes approved by:

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Tracy Albert, Chair

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Joanie Asch, Secretary