

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

March 10, 2015

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:

Jill Badgery	Carolyn Matson
Lyn Hall	Samira Ouaz (Secretary)
Louise Halpenny	Sharon Reichstein (Students' Rep)
Sheryl Hamilton	Heike Payne
Jennifer Harmon	Paula Shaver (Chair)
Rena Kimia-Sabloff	Wendy Verreault (Principal)
Steve Jackson (VP)	Andrew Williams (Teaching Staff Rep)
Cynthia Mar	

1. Call to Order

Paula Shaver called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

The SRO made a presentation about crime statistics in the area and how the data was obtained.

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Student Report – The Student Rep was absent.

5. Principal's Report - Wendy Verreault

- Concussion: The principal circulated a flyer about concussion. The Policies and Procedures surrounding Concussions were reviewed at the December Staff meeting.
- OSSLT - Literacy test for G.10 on track for March 26. Extra help is being provided to anybody who wants it. Grade 10 OSSLT – March 26 Grade 9 can have it for practice only. Helps to identify areas for improvements.
- Guidance to track Grade 12 without volunteer hours. It is a graduation requirement.
- For the 2015-16 school year, the Link Leaders Interviews are planned for April 22.
- Toonie Tuesday – Dodge ball event to collect funds for Hunger and Clean Water
- 8 students were taken for Ed Talks at Earl of March and one of them was a speaker.
- Assemblies included the following: Feb 27 – assembly for Black History month. Holocaust Remembrance Assembly at Algonquin College.
- International students: 6 students are here for Semester 2.
- PRO grant – Carolyn Matson and Lyn Hall will start looking at options as we target a presentation for end of September or early October.

- The City of Ottawa Sexual Health Clinic located at SRB will be open every second Thursday afternoon.
- Our social worker, Shoshana Kageden will be our guest at the May Council meeting.
- Bengal Tales was well received by the students. We will be doing it again.
- Website updated with latest information including minutes from previous years. Paula reported that the board will provide a template for school websites in the near future.

Discussion

Question: some teachers use the web a lot while others do not. Is there a policy?

Wendy stated that she did not monitor the use of technology by the teachers. Teachers are free to use the tools they want. Some are using web based tools while others do not at all.

James Wright is administering the website. He added the list of dates to the council website.

- Staffing: We expect that the current staffing level will be maintained as the population will be 840 students next year, the same as this year.
- Sports: The Girl's Hockey team won the Tier 2 City Championships with Mr. Shea as coach. We had OFSSA entries for wrestling, cross-country skiing, and snowboarding.
- Fine Arts: The third Music Concert for this school year is on Thursday, March 12th at 7 PM. Four and a half weeks to show time for the play called "The Angelina Project" with performance dates of April 16, 17 and 18, 2015 at 7 pm.
- Upcoming Events
 - March 26th – OSSLT
 - March 31st – PT Interviews
 - April 2nd – ZAP 3:00-5:00 pm
 - April 3 – 6th – Easter weekend
 - April 14th – last day of Term 3
 - April 15th – Term 4 begins
 - Field Trip to Algonquin College for Holocaust Remembrance
 - April 16 - 18th – evening performances of The Angelina Project – starts at 7 pm
 - April 23rd – Semester 2 mid-term Report cards issued
 - April 30th – LAST day for students to drop a course
 - May 4th – Music Council Garage Sale
 - May 8th – Coffeehouse
 - May 27th – Grad breakfast and rehearsal for commencement. Cap and Gown fee is \$25
 - June 4th – Athletic Awards breakfast at 8 am and ceremony at 9 am
 - June 26th – Commencement @ 10 am
- The gym will be renovated during summer. Replacing the ceilings, sound proofing, lighting, electronics, etc.
- Presentation of the projected enrollment for 2015 based on historical data 2004-2015 using a cubic 11 year projection model by VP Steve Jackson.

6. Teaching Staff Report - Andrew Williams

Andrew reported the activities by Michael Blakely (absent)

- MOB is continuing in Semester 2 - many students are continuing to make productive use of it
- Many students participated in the recent Pascal, Cayley and Fermat math contests
- More math contests in April: Grade 9-12 (reg. deadline: March 20),

- Contest dates:
 - Grade 9-11: April 16
 - Grade 12: April 15
- **Mathematics Team Contests** are taking place (reg. deadline March 27)
 - Contest date: April 9
 - 3 hours, 6 members per team, any combination of grades
- Many students taking Advanced Placement Calculus are in the process of working hard toward learning and preparing for the AP Calculus exam coming Tuesday May 5

Most important notice: Math is awesome and very cool

7. Secondary School Committee Update – Paula Shaver

Facilities planning

Early immersion is the most popular program with 17% of student population.

The committee is looking at shifts in trends.

SRB at 76% capacity which is good; parents are worried at closure if the HS is at less than 50% capacity, as they become reluctant to send their children to schools with low enrollment.

Question

How many students graduate in EFI and MFI? We do not know but we can ask the board.

8. Career Cruising (Steve Jackson)

Steve presented Career Cruising tool that is used by students to choose the courses and the high school course plan. The tool is used mainly for pathway selection

9. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault

The balance is \$ 1267.23

The council has received the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 \$500 funds from the Ministry.

10. Discussion about Prom

Wendy met with JR, the Grade 12 prom organizer:

The event is planned for June 23rd at a cost of \$130 for dinner and \$65 for the after party. A combined ticket will cost \$170. A boat cruise is scheduled with 2 security guards.

The principal presented to the students alternative organizations to consider and event costs.

The guidelines discussed for NEXT year included the following:

Elected students representatives;

Event must occur in Ontario with no after party;

No Grade 11 students allowed.

The principal wants Grade 12 parents to know ASAP about the plans for this year so they are aware of the safety issues and raise any concerns they might have.

The school council will present on March 24 the current prom situation to the parents.

A note will be sent to the parents with the progress report March 11.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:15
Next meeting: May 12, 2015 at 19:00.

Minutes approved by:

Paula Shaver, Chair

Samira Ouaz, Secretary