

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

May 12, 2015

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:

Dagmawit Abraham	Samira Ouaz (Secretary)
Jill Badgery	Lauren Rapoport (Student's Rep)
Michael Blakely (Teaching Staff Rep)	Sharon Reichstein
Ema Chaudhuri	Heike Payne
Shavad Gupta	Paula Shaver (Chair)
Louise Halpenny	Wendy Verreault (Principal)
Sheryl Hamilton	Andrew Williams (Teaching Staff Rep)
Steve Jackson (VP)	Floyd Wun
Carolyn Matson	

1. Call to Order

Paula Shaver called the meeting to order at 19:02.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion presented by Louise Halpenny, approved by Sheryl Hamilton.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion presented by Samira Ouaz, approved by Sheryl Hamilton.

4. Our social worker, Shoshana Kageden, was our guest speaker at the meeting.

5. Student Report – Lauren Rapoport

Many events are going on in the school.

In sports, there was Girls Soccer and Girls Rugby. SRB won 3rd place in Track and Field Spirit Week, the Battle of the Grades took place on the first week of May.

The Multicultural club had a potluck and the Key Club held the 30 hour famine to raise awareness about hunger in the world.

The students' club and the Key club organized a very successful coffee house.

The elections for student council are upcoming.

6. Principal's Report - Wendy Verreault

Staffing in progress – Music teacher Wes Friedrich is retiring

OSSLT results will be included in Report Cards mailed home the first week in July

The Drama performance "The Angelina Project" was a success. The Cappies Gala is Sunday, June 7th at 6:30 pm at NAC.

Sports: One student went to OFSAA badminton & won GOLD. Coaches all set for spring teams

Link Crew interviews and selections made for next school year.

STC nominations and Elections completed for next school year. In September, elections will be held for Grade 9 Reps, Art Reps and Grade 12 Prom Committee Reps.

Guidance is tracking graduating students who do not have 40 volunteer hours or who are "at-risk" for not graduating this year. All hours are due by May 22nd.

Volunteer Appreciation Reception and Community Recognition Awards – Wednesday, May 20 6:30-8:30 at Algonquin College. Information handouts.

School Costs for 2015-2016 will remain the same as last year.

- ❖ No agendas to be purchased this year
- ❖ \$40 for Year Book (optional cost)
- ❖ \$20 for school - see breakdown

A student, who does not want a yearbook but still wishes to pay school fees, will pay only \$20. The payment of school fees is voluntary at SRB. School fees can be paid when students come to pick up their schedule and lock in August. Payment is by cash, debit or cheques dated that day. No post-dated cheques please. Grade 9 students at SRB will be issued a new school lock when they pick up their timetable.

2015-2016 for all Grades	
Yearbook (optional)	40.00
Lock replacements	2.00
Student Assemblies	2.00
Student Council	2.00
Athletic Council & OFSAA	4.00
Student Activities	3.00
Clubs	2.00
Link Crew	2.00
Student Assistance	3.00
Total	\$60.00

Students in other grads are expected to bring back their lock that was issued this past year. Below are the times for locker distribution. Students may not line-up before 8:00 am. The school doors will open at 8:30.

Please note the following times:

Grade 12 students	Tuesday, September 1 st	from 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Grade 11 students	Tuesday, September 1 st	from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Grade 10 students	Tuesday, September 1 st	from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Grade 9 students	Wednesday, September 2 nd	from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

We realize that some students may not be available at this time. Friends or family members may pay the school costs and pick up the schedule and locker on behalf of someone else.

Important Dates:

- May 20-24th – Music trip to New York City
- May 21-24th – Outdoor Education trip to Adirondacks
- May 27th – Locker clean out (period 1)
- May 27th – Grad breakfast and rehearsal for commencement. Cap and Gown fee is \$25
- May 28th – Music Concert at 7 pm
- June 4 – Coach's Breakfast and Athletic Awards (period 1 - if teachers & their class invited to attend)
- June 17-22nd – Exam Dates by period 1,2,3,4
- June 26th – Commencement @ 10 am

PROM handouts will be sent to all email contacts for Grade 12 students. Please remember this is not a school organized, supervised or sanctioned event. We want to make our position very clear so that you are informed and may have appropriate discussions with your graduating student.

TICKET COSTS:

Only a Dinner ticket - \$130.00

Only an After Prom ticket - \$65.00

Both Dinner & After Prom Package Deal - \$170.00

Presentation of the board survey by Steve Jackson

There are four categories:

Social and emotional

Physical health

Drivers of student's outcomes

Demographic factors

Observations

- By grade 12, 89% of students plan to go to university.
- 92% of students have a positive feeling about SRB.
- There is a positive student – teacher relation, the same level as the board's average. It was noted that the students get a low very level of encouragement and advice from the teachers. This is a board level observation.
- Bullying is lower than Canadian average and decreases from grade 9 to grade 12.
- Students new to Canada and male students seem to feel more bullying and harassment than the average.

The board will release the survey findings.

7. Teaching Staff Report - Andrew Williams and Michael Blakely

There was participation over the last month in math contests

A team of six enthusiastic grade 11 students engaged with the Canadian Team Mathematics Contest from the University of Waterloo. This is a 3 hour contest and the students demonstrated great collaborative and mathematical skills

There was also participation in the Fermat, Galois and Hypatia contests this past month

This past Tuesday May 5, 14 students challenged the AP Calculus exam - they worked hard all morning and we are all very proud of their perseverance, hard work and achievement

Mr.Blakely, Ms. Zhao and Mr.Jackson travelled to Toronto to take part in the OAME Annual Conference (Ontario Association of Mathematics Educators). This was a 2.5 day conference and we learned a lot about mathematics education and its connections with collaborative inquiry, special education, student success, creativity and questioning, and assessment and evaluation

On May 26 we are hosting all of the Grade 8 students from Greenbank MS for a morning of Math Olympics! This event is being organized by our Math Department. Our Link Crew will welcome the students with an opening activity, after which students will participate in fun mathematical activity for most of the morning and then at 11:30 our Student Council will host a BBQ for them.

We are running Exam Challenge for students in Grade 9 again this year and it will be conducted by Ms. Suzane Thomas. This is a student success initiative to ensure that students do earn a credit and develop confidence with mathematics

We are also running our Grade 10/11 Quadratics Numeracy initiative again this year which is being conducted by Ms.Katherine Lee who is a new B.Ed. graduate from UOttawa and a former SRB graduate! This is another student success initiative through which we hope to develop confidence and student understanding in this very central content area of mathematics

Finally, math continues to be **awesome** and **very cool**.

8. Secondary School Committee Update – Paula Shaver

The next OCASC meeting will occur next week.

Current topics:

Schools need guidelines to make their websites consistent.
Talks about the mental health initiative.

9. PRO Grant – Lyn Hall and Carolyn Matson

Carolyn circulated a flyer for the PRO Grant presentation next year:

Parenting Teens through Challenging Times (Depression, Anxiety, Bullying and Suicide)

The document contained details about the options, the schedule and the cost.

Discussion about date availability: end of September and early October.

10. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault

The balance is \$ 1267.23

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

11. Discussion

Prom

Paula noted that we need parent volunteers.

Wendy reported that the current cost of the prom is \$170.

Next year, staff will assist with the prom organization and the event will take place in Ontario, in May, with no after party. There were concerns that May is usually the month when the Catholic board organizes their proms too.

Other

Question raised about the strike impact on the students. The particular concern was about grade 9 EQEAO and summer school.

The answer was that we do not know yet.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned around 20:30

Next meeting: June 9, 2015 at 19:00.

Minutes approved by:

Paula Shaver, Chair

Samira Ouaz, Secretary