

Draft Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

September 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 19:00 hours in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:	Dag Abraham	Cynthia Mar
	Bob Albert	Samira Ouaz
	Tracy Albert	Heike Payne
	Joanie Asch (Secretary)	Lauren Rapoport
	Jill Badgery	Paula Shaver (Chair)
	Michael Blakely	Megan Sproule-Jones
	Louise Halpenny	Wendy Verreault
	Jessica Keats	Andrew Williams

1. Call to Order

Paula Shaver called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

Lauren Rapoport was introduced as the new student council representative.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Student Report

Lauren Rapoport reported that Link Crew activities are taking place. School photos will be done on September 17, and grad photos will be taken from September 29 to October 3. There will be a barbecue after school on September 18. Grade 9 elections for student council representatives will take place shortly.

4. Principal's Report

Wendy Verreault reported that Rob Anderson is the new Vice Principal, and will be responsible for students with surnames starting with L-Z. Two new autism teachers have joined the staff, as well as a new music teacher. There are three returning long term occasional teachers, as well as three new long term occasional teachers.

New computers have been installed, and the computer lab has changed to a peripheral lab, with computers around the perimeter of the room.

New locks were distributed to students. Welcoming assemblies took place last Friday. Current enrolment is just over 830 students, and sports teams are underway.

Lates and absences will be reported to parents via Synervoice, through both telephone and email. Any lates or absences should be reported to carol.darby@ocdsb.ca or judy.smith@ocdsb.ca.

A district review, where the administration and the superintendent will visit all classes, will take place on November 24. Meet the Teacher night has been scheduled for September 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Progress reports will be sent home with students on October 9. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on October 23.

No bullying incidents of grade 9 students have been reported. Announcements will also be made on Twitter (@srb_news), as well as posted to the school website.

The post-secondary information night has been scheduled for November 25. There will be a pizza lunch on Wednesday for the international certificate students.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Joanie Asch, seconded by Tracy Albert, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting as amended. CARRIED.

6. Teaching Staff Report

Andrew Williams advised that the Autism Unit consists of two classes of six students each. Renovations are being completed on the two autism classrooms. Development of vocational skills is part of the autism program, and employers who have businesses with repetitive tasks are asked to contact Mr. Williams for possible placement opportunities.

7. Secondary School Committee Update

There was no update, as the Committee's first meeting will be held in October.

8. Election of 2014-2015 Council Executive

Quorum was met.

Moved by Joanie Asch, seconded by Heike Payne, that Samira Ouazz and Jill Badgery be nominated as co-Secretary/Treasurer. CARRIED.

Samira Ouazz and Jill Badger were elected as co-Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation.

Moved by Joanie Asch, seconded by Heike Payne, that the following slate be elected as members of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council for the 2014-2015 school year:

**Dag Abraham
Jill Badgery
Louise Halpenny
Jessica Keats
Cynthia Mar
Samira Ouazz
Heike Payne**

CARRIED.

The following dates were confirmed as the SRB School Council meeting dates:

November 11, 2014
January 13, 2015
March 10, 2015
May 12, 2015
June 9, 2015

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:37 hours.

Minutes approved by:

Paula Shaver, Chair

Joanie Asch, Secretary