

# Minutes

## Sir Robert Borden High School Council

### January 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa.

Present:

Dagmawit Abraham  
Michael Blakely (Teaching Staff Rep)  
Ema Chaudhuri  
Ismail Elmi  
Sheryl Hamilton  
Jennifer Harmon  
Cynthia Mar  
Annette Murray  
Samira Ouaz (Secretary)  
Heike Payne  
Paula Shaver (Chair)  
Maria Schnarr  
Wendy Verreault (Principal)  
Andrew Williams (Teaching Staff Representative)

#### 1. Presentation of Canadian World Studies and French at SRB

Presenters:

Christy Armstrong  
Stephane Leclerc  
Mike Ward

#### 2. Call to Order

Paula Shaver called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Proposed Heike Payne  
Approved Ema Chaudhuri

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

Proposed Sheryl Hamilton  
Approved Heike Payne

#### 5. Online Course Selection

Presentation during grade assemblies where Guidance Counsellors present online course selection right after the exams. This is the second year of implementation of this program.

January 20 is the due date for course selection.

There are also options for e-learning.

Grade 12 students need to notify if they plan not to return for online courses.

*Question (Parent): What is the policy about the use of cell phone?*

*Answer (Andrew Williams):*

*3 times strike policy is in force. After that, the issue is escalated to the principal's office.*

*Cell phone usage can be a distraction during class.*

*Question (Ema): Can a student audit a class?*

*Answer (Principal):*

*The student needs to talk to the Principal who will speak to the teacher to ask for permission*

## 6. Principal Report – Wendy Verreault

There are changes to the French Curriculum within OCDSB: no more extended classes.

September 2016: All JK/SK will be receiving 50/50 French/English education.

A review of Core/Immersion/Extended programs based on the number of hours of taught was performed and Extended/Immersion will be merged in high School.

DELFL exam is planned. Deadline for registration is January 13.

Question (Paula): Why is the PD day on Monday?

Answer (Principal): That was a change initiated by the ministry. Exams are scheduled from Tuesday to Friday. In case of snow day during that period, exams will be held on the next Monday. In that case, the start of the second semester will be on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of Tuesday.

### Current news

- The Music Jazz Evening and Christmas Concert were very entertaining and well attended by students and families. A Euphonium was purchased with the proceeds.
- The Mystery Dinner Theatre was directed by two grade 12 students and they did an exceptionally good job.
- The Multicultural Show showcased over 25 difference performances by students. We have some very talented students. Part of the proceeds was donated to the Education Foundation.
- Our students are generous and compassionate. Check out the foyer sign “SRB gives back to our Community .....
  - ❖ Movember raised \$725
  - ❖ DILA Outplay Poverty raised \$543 from a week of rotating noon hour sports contests. It was well organized by students and lots of fun for participants and spectators alike.
  - ❖ Girl’s Group made Gingerbread Houses and raffled them off with proceeds going towards Christmas Hampers. They raised \$167.
  - ❖ The Teacher/Student Hockey Game donated \$135 for the Christmas baskets.
  - ❖ Teachers delivered six generous food baskets for SRB families at Christmas and five gifts bags for students who are from families experiencing financial need.
  - ❖ The Key Club’s Waffle Breakfast raised \$232 to be donated to the Eliminate Program that provides tetanus shots for mothers and new babies in Developing Countries.
- Last week, on Thursday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> it was our Grade 8 Information Evening and it was very well attended. There were over 350 students and parents at SRB for the presentation and tours.
- VP Ken MacQueen and our Guidance Counsellors went to GMS last week to present to Grade 8 students the new electronic Career Cruising program for choosing their courses for next year. We are working closely with the admin team at GMS.
- Ski and Snowboard Club has started. Dates are Jan 15, Feb 5, Feb 19, March 4.
- Summative weeks have just started. Exams are at 9:30 am from January 26-29 inclusive.
- Course Contracts will be distributed at SRB during the first week in February during Grade Assemblies.

**Handouts:** Exam schedules

### Upcoming Events:

Jan 13 & 14 - ENG4U Essay Portion of exam to be done in class

Jan 14 – grade 10 MPM2D & MFM2P Summative Tasks during class time

Jan 19 & 20 – Math EQAO Summatives for Grade 9 students during class time

Jan 25 – Monday before exam week is a normal schedule and meaningful classes

Jan 26 to 29 – Exam Days - If there is a BOARD WIDE announcement for a snow day and buses are cancelled then we “bump and slide” and Tuesday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> exam day.

Feb 1 – PD day. No school for students.

Feb 2 – start of semester 2. If we “bump and slide” then Semester 2 starts on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Feb 3, 4, 5 – Assemblies for Course Contracts for Grade 9, 10, 11s respectively

Feb 11– Report cards issued @ 3 pm

Feb 11 – Games Night 7-10 pm

Feb 12 – PD day – no school for students

Feb 15 – Family day – no school

Feb 17 – Music Concert with Centralaires at 7 PM in the Auditorium

Feb 23 –Toonie Tuesday (Funds raised for the Education Foundation) \$2 from each student!  
Feb 24 – Day of Pink Day – wear pink

*Question (Sheryl): How does the school help the families in need?*

*Answer (Principal): There is a “Students assistance” program in place in the school.*

*Accepts donations of clothing for students. Cash used to buy hygienic supplies.*

*Most often, donations by staff.*

**7. Teaching Staff Report – Andrew Williams**

Presentation by the Embassy of Japan

Go for a hike project at Gatineau Park.

Jump Program, a new program combining Math and Phys Ed targeted to students at risk,

It also provides mentoring opportunities for Grades 9/10 students.

MOB is open to all grade levels

Andrew W is helping with OCDSB web site

**8. OCASC – Paula Shaver**

There was a meeting last Thursday but there was no information about a universal school website for all schools within the board.

There will be some space for a council site but the program is 1 year behind schedule.

Review of SHSM program. Our principal is in the review committee.

A draft report with no contentious content is ready and is being presented to trustees

Canterbury and IB programs are under review as well.

**9. Other - Microwave Purchase**

The cost will be \$495 + tax for a medium-duty commercial grade.

Motion to purchase put by Jennifer Harmon

Seconded by Sheryl Hamilton

Approved by all present

**10. PRO GRANT - Presentation**

Date not set yet with Simon Hechter (Topic: Mental Well Being)

**11. PROM – Principal’s Update**

Wendy V. is ready to organize a senior dance in May.

Perhaps it should be called a Senior Dance so as to prevent the occurrence of 2 Proms

Rules: no alcohol, in Ontario, must happen in May

Issue: On Facebook page, JR group is urging students to buy tickets with no venue or date.

Wendy V. to speak to a group of students to find out if there is interest in the idea of the school organizing the Prom/event. She collected a list of parents willing to help her.

**12. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault**

Received PRO GRANT \$(1000) and PIP (\$500).

We paid OCASC membership fee: \$35.

The balance is now \$ 2732.23

**Summary for: School Council**  
**Cat. #: 11000**

Contact Person: Verreault, W.

Date	Transaction	Description	Debit	Credit	Cleared
10/30/2015	Deposit 438	log # 59		\$1,500.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/11/2015	Cheq 18890	OCASC School Council Registration	\$35.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Opening Balance: \$1,267.23		Category Balance: <b>\$2,732.23</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	

**Grand Totals:**

Opening Balances: **\$1,267.23**                      **Category Balances: \$2,732.23**                      **\$35.00**                      **\$1,500.00**

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned around 9 PM  
Next meeting: March 8, 2016 at 7 PM.  
Dates of remaining meetings: May 10, June 14, 2016.

Minutes approved by:

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Paula Shaver, Chair

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Samira Ouaz, Secretary