

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

January 17, 2017

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School.

Present:

Dagmawit Abraham
Michael Blakely (Teaching Staff Rep)
Kim Bruton (Teaching Staff Rep)
Katie Crombach (Vice-Principal)
Torie Del Grosso
Mary Doueidar
Tracey Graham (Western Area Review Rep)
Lyn Hall
Kyuyoung Lee
Ann McEachern
Annette Murray
Monica Nevins (Chair)
Samira Ouaz (Secretary)
Carmen Parsons
Heike Payne
Jen Poole
Maria Schnarr (OCASC Rep)
Arhur Skuja
Elena Smdensky
Wendy Verreault (Principal)
Josh Wolfsohn (Student Rep)

1. **Call to Order**
Monica Nevins called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Unanimous Approval.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
Unanimous Approval.
4. **Student Report - Joshua Wolfsohn**
Past Events
 - Big Casino Event with many business donations, large attendance.
 - Field Trip
 - Multicultural show
 - Key Club organized a Waffle Breakfast
 - Grade 10 History class went to History museum**Events in progress**
 - Auditions under way for NJ summer night
 - February: Black History Month.
5. **Career Cruising – Presentation by Katie Crombach, Vice-Principal**

6. Teacher Staff Report - Kim Bruton

- Holocaust Speaker: November 1, 2016, by daughter of Jeanine Smith.
- NBE students donated gifts to 20 Inuit children living in Ottawa
- Psychology Scavenger Hunt: Number of indicators of what makes an individual unique: *joy/cohesive/introvert*
- Grade 10 History – trip to the Museum of History
- Grade 11 Law - trip to Provincial/Supreme Courts
 - Mock Trial
 - Live trial

7. Principal Report – Wendy Verreault

Current news:

- Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan ... Teaching Awards teachingawards.ca
- The Music Jazz Evening and Christmas Concert were very entertaining and well attended by students and families.
- The Multicultural Show showcased over 20 difference performances by students. We have some very talented students. Part of the proceeds was donated to the Education Foundation.
- Our students are generous. Check out the foyer sign “SRB gives to our Community”
 - ❖ Movember \$215
 - ❖ 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 \$200 for the Christmas baskets.
 - ❖ Teachers delivered 4 generous food baskets for SRB families at Christmas and 3 gifts bags for students who are from families experiencing financial need.
- The Key Club’s Waffle Breakfast raised \$280 to be donated to the Sleeping Children Around the World Program that provides bed kits to children in developing countries. 100 snack bags to the Ottawa Mission and 2875 cans for our local food bank.
- Last week, on Thursday, Jan 12th 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 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 13, Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 24, and March 3.
- Exams are at 9:30 am from January 24-27 inclusive. Textbooks are returned before exams.
- Course Contracts will be distributed at SRB during the first week in February during Grade Assemblies.
- Western Area Accommodation Review and Library Learning Commons

Financial Report: submitted

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 19 - LINK event: Cookies and Cram AFTER school on this Thursday. Review sheets to Sarah.
- Jan 23 - Monday before exam week is a normal schedule with meaningful classes
- Jan 24 to 27 - Exam Days - If there is a BOARD WIDE announcement for a snow day and buses are cancelled then we “bump and slide” and Tuesday, Jan 31st is the 4th exam day.
- Jan 26 - Science & Tech Day for Grade 8 students at SRB
- Jan 30 - PD day. No school for students.
- Jan 31 - start of semester 2. If we “bump and slide” then Jan 31st is exam day 4 and Semester 2 starts on Feb 1st
- Feb 6 & 7 - Assemblies for Course Contracts for Grade 9, 10, 11s respectively
- Feb 3 - Marks Due by end of day
- Feb 8 - Report cards issued @ 3 pm
- Feb 9 – LINK event period 4. School Dance 6:30 to 9:30 PM – Supervisors needed
- Feb 15 – Full disclosure for student marks
- Feb 17 - PD day – no school for students

Feb 20 – Family day – no school

8. Western Area Review - Discussion

Discussion about the library common area that will happen regardless of the decision about the Western Area Accommodation Plan.

Funds are available for the renovation of the library. They will cover the cost of reorganizing the library into an open space for learning and the purchase of 30 Chromebooks.

Work will start in May and will be complete by September 2017.

The last meeting for the Accommodation Review Consultation was held last Tuesday at Woodroffe HS with many comments from parents regarding Century, Leslie Park and Churchill closings.

SRB requests:

- More space for gym
- More lockers
- Emergency power
- Phone system
- Auditorium refurbishing
- Retrofit options for new classrooms
- Instruments storage room for GMS music department (It was a renovated facility at GMS)

There is no information about staffing.

Principal's comments/requests:

- Some areas of the school may not be ready
- Computers for schools Program was in place 3 years ago. Older computers will not be replaced as they die
- The more powerful computers (3) will stay
- Many Chromebooks will be coming from GMS.
- Request for outdoor Hockey rink and a Basketball field
Another gym will be required if these requests are not granted.

Suggestions/Questions:

- Upper gym: GMS may use the gym earlier in the morning if they start at 8:00 – 8:30 AM.
- How are we going to organize the GMS Clubs and the Awards Ceremony?

9. PROM Update

- The PROM process starts in January of the prior year to recruit the students' organizers
- There was no success in convincing the students to get in the school sanctioned PROM
- The OCDSB board might need to step in to make the change as did the Catholic School board

10. Ideas for Council Expenses

We have \$1829 in the bank. Wendy requested suggestions for items to purchase.

Some ideas from parents:

- Microwaves
- Snacks for exams
- Printing costs for newsletters
- Chromebooks
- Picnic tables
- Bike racks
- Charging stations

11. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault

The balance is now \$ 1829.67

Sir Robert Borden High School
Bank of Nova Scotia
School Funds

Detailed Category Summary - Sorted by Category Name

Report #1

Summary for: School Council
Cat. #: 11000

Contact Person: Verreault, W.

Date	Transaction	Description	Debit	Credit	Tax Rebate	Cleared
10/06/2016	Deposit 481	log # 47		\$500.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10/07/2016	Cheque 19324	OCASC OCASC Membership	\$35.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Opening Balance: \$1,364.67

Category Balance: **\$1,829.67**

\$35.00

\$500.00

Grand Totals:

Opening Balances: \$1,364.67

Category Balances: **\$1,829.67**

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12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting: March 21st, 2017 at 7 PM.

Minutes approved by:

Monica Nevins, Chair

Samira Ouaz, Secretary