

# Minutes

## Sir Robert Borden High School Council

### November 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School.

Present:

Dagmawit Abraham  
Michael Blakely (Teaching Staff Rep)  
Sonya Boersma  
Kim Bruton (Teaching Staff Rep)  
Katie Crombach (Vice-Principal)  
Mariam Elmi  
Ismail Elmi  
Lynn Fuller  
Tracey Graham (Western Area Review Rep)  
Ann McEachern  
Monica Nevins  
Miriam Ostroscki  
Samira Ouaz (Secretary)  
Maria Schnarr (OCASC Rep)  
Jeff Snyder  
Wendy Verreault (Principal)  
Josh Wolfsohn (Student Rep)

#### 1. Call to Order

Wendy Verreault called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Maria. Approved by Ann

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

June minutes

Motion by Wendy. Approved by Samira

September minutes

Corrections:

Add [srbattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:srbattendance@ocdsb.ca) to inform school of a student's absence

Add Sonya Boersma to attendance list

Motion by Maria. Approved by Ann

#### 4. Student Report - Joshua Wolfsohn

##### Past Events

There were a few successful events that will be repeated next year:

- Opening BBQ had a great turn out
- Halloween dance and Halloween haunted walk

Students were interested by the assembly about the aboriginal and residential schools issues.

##### Events in progress

Can Drive is under way with a Battle Of The Grades (BOTG) competition.

Jazz Café was sold out

Every Friday, games at the foyer with a lot of students attending.  
Sports try outs are in progress with many clubs available.

### **Future Events**

Casino night, the largest event, is planned for late November/early December  
Planning the multicultural event for December 9.  
International themes are planned for foyer games

## **5. Tour of the SHSM department with presentation of the program**

## **6. Principal Report – Wendy Verreault**

- One Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday at 10:30 am. There will be lots of poppies outside. Major Cory Moore will be attending. The theme is “The Ghosts of War”
- Parent Teacher Interviews very well attended.
- Awards Ceremony was a success!
- Completed our mandatory 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown practice.
- International trips: still 2 seats for Vimy Ridge Apr 3-18, 2017 (\$3189). Next trip will be 12-14 days in Spain in March 2018 (costs TBD \$4200?)
- School Insurance for Council Members
- School Plan for Well-being plan distributed to School Council.
- School Learning Plan shared with School Council.
- PROM update

**Sports:** All winter teams have coaches. Thanks Patrick!

- Two students went to OFSAA Cross Country this past weekend in Peterborough
- In Tennis, SRB finished tied for 3rd in A level and tied for 2nd in B level! So we will have a new picture on the Wall of Fame, because 2 students won the boys doubles High School Division and qualified for OFSSA to be held on May 29-31, 2017 in Toronto/Markham area.

**Financial Update:** We received our MOE grant of \$500 for 2016-17. Current statement is \$1829.67.

**Suggestions:** Past School Council has approved monies to be spent on commercial microwave for student cafeteria, Granola bars and juice every morning during exams, colour newsletter.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Me to We day
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – College and University Info Night for Grade 11&12 students and parents
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Link academic follow-up – period 2 for Grade 9s and Link leaders
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – PA Day
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Reports Cards issued at 3 PM
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Mystery Theatre
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day to drop a course without it appearing on transcripts
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Casino Night (Supervisors will be required please)
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Winter Music Concert – starts at 7pm
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Locker clean-up.
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - Link academic Wrap Off – period 3 for Grade 9s and Link leaders
- Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – Waffle Breakfast – 7:30 AM
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Information Evening

### **Questions from Parents**

About Vimy Ridge trip  
Answer: All details are on the website and twitter

**PROM Update:**

Shaw Center is booked with arrival at 5:30 – 6:00 PM  
Dinner + possibly dance afterwards  
Total cost: \$60+  
Another meeting is scheduled with students to discuss further

**Questions from Parents**

How can the principal let the parents know about the school sanctioned PROM?

**Answer**

The principal needs the parents to be more involved in discussing the PROM with their children. Wendy will try to talk again to the parents next Tuesday.

**Notes for next Tuesday meeting**

If enough parents (more than 100) commit, then we can proceed.  
A 'Parent Committee' is needed to run the PROM.  
Last year, the cost was \$175 for the combined option. We target a max of \$100 this year.  
Fundraising is an option with a school sanctioned PROM.  
There is a Facebook page 'SRB PROM' created by a parent that we could use.  
We need to put a stop to the current 'Fundraising' activities around PROM.

**7. Teaching Staff Report – Kim Bruton**

Presentation of the Inclusive, Safe and Caring Programs – School Plan for Well-Being 2016-2017  
12<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Youth Forum held on November 3.  
SRB library is accepting donations: Legos, books, craft supplies  
Ms. Darby is requesting blankets and beads for the Knitting Club

**8. OCASC – Maria Schnarr**

Next meeting on November 17.  
Items for discussion: PROM and transgender issues in schools.  
"Draft Complaint Strategy" is in progress.

**9. Western Area Review – Tracey Graham**

A meeting was held in October with another planned for November 9 with other community meetings under way. The main question was about the schools readiness for the changes.

Wendy:

In public meetings, many people expressed their views with a few good suggestions.  
There is no plan for any extra buildings  
Next meeting will focus on scheduling and transportation.

The principal is looking for various contingency plans in the event of having Grades 7/8.

Main issues identified at this point:

Fix the upper ceiling in the gym  
Have a hockey rink

**10. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault**

The balance is now \$ 1829.67

Sir Robert Borden High School  
Bank of Nova Scotia  
School Funds

Detailed Category Sun

**Summary for: School Council**

**Cat. #: 11000**

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Date	Transaction	Description
10/06/2016	Deposit 481	log # 47

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned around 9 PM  
Next meeting: January 17, 2017 at 7 PM.

Minutes approved by:

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Monica Nevins, Chair

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Samira Ouaz, Secretary