

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

May 9, 2017

A regular meeting of the Sir Robert Borden High School Council was held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the library at Sir Robert Borden High School.

Present

Dagmawit Abraham
Kim Bruton (Teaching Staff Rep)
Sandra Brancatelli
Barbara Callaghan
Julia Claman
Ismail Elmi
Lynn Fuller
Torie Del Grosso
Heather Linton
Cynthia Mar
Ann McEachern
Monica Nevins (Co-Chair)
Miriam Ostroscki
Samira Ouaz (Secretary)
Carmen Parsons (Co-Chair)
Steve and Chantal Rosenberger
Julia Saunders (SRB Teacher-Librarian)
Maria Schnarr (OCASC Rep)
Wendy Verreault (Principal)
Eugene Zubryn (SRB Teacher)

1. Call to Order

Carmen Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Unanimous Approval.

3. Student Report – None

4. Teacher Report - Kim Bruton

Many events occurred during this semester:

- Classroom visits about Constable OPP Career, Canadian Coastal Guard
- English 9 was enriched with alternative seating
- Singing and dancing were merged in Drama class
- In Geography class, studied the mining industry in Canada
- Autism Awareness Day – Day in blue
- SRB music department won the **Silver Medal** at the Halifax Music Fest

5. COOP Presentation – Eugene Zubryn

6. Principal Report – Wendy Verreault

Current News:

- OSSLT results will be included in Report Cards mailed home the first week in July
- Link Crew interviews and selections have been made for next school year.
- The Drama performance “Midsummer/Jersey” was a success. The Play received 6 Cappies nominations. The Cappies Gala is Sunday, May 28th at 6:30 pm at NAC. Tickets are \$25

- STC nominations and Elections will be completed by May 18th for next school year. In September, elections will be held for Grade 9 Reps.
- Library will be closing early this year due to the massive renovation scheduled.
- 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 June 3RD
- PROM message sent home to Grade 12 students with Report Cards. Information is also in Bengal Tales newsletter. Update about issuing tickets and financial matters.
- Dates for meetings for next year: Sept 12, Nov 14, Jan 16, March 20, May 8, June 12 – needs approval. Any special requests for guest speakers for meetings?

Sports:

- Junior Boys Volley Ball won the City Championships last week.
- Tennis Athletes are going to OFSAA at the end of May.
- All spring coaches are set for spring teams
- Athletic Breakfast (8 AM) and Award Ceremony (8:45 to 10:15 AM) on Tuesday, June 6th.

Transition Plans:

- Report on our Transition Day yesterday
- Report on Construction projects, 5 Portables

Important Dates:

- May 13th - Music Council Garage Sale & BBQ (drop off items on Friday May 12th)
- May 18th - Coffeehouse 7 PM auditorium
- May 18th - STC Voting at 9 AM during period 2
- May 25 - Grad breakfast 7:30- 9:00 AM rehearsal 9 to 9:30 AM
- Locker clean-up 10:10 to 10:30 AM
- June 1st - Music Concert begins at 7 PM, Come early to see the Art Show!
- June 6th - Athletic Awards breakfast at 8 AM and Award Ceremony begins at 8:45 AM
- June 13th - School Council meeting and elections
- June 19th – Regular classes
- June 20th to June 23rd - period 1,2,3,4 EXAMS
- June 30th - Grad at 10 AM

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2017-2018 - Deadline May 25th

Great news, the Ministry has announced the 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants program. This year, special consideration will be given to eligible projects from school councils that promote increased access to and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home and at school, or support the engagement of parents from Indigenous or racialized communities, or encourage parent engagement in promoting the value of arts, in support of student success. The deadline for the 2017-2018 PRO grant submissions is May 25, 2017. Applications must be submitted online. For more information, please visit the Ministry [website](#).

Wendy Verreault introduced Julia Saunders, the school librarian. Julia wants to be part of the council on an ongoing basis from now on.

A Board memo was distributed: *New Section Added to the School Council Finance Guide*

7. OCASC - Maria Schnarr

Earl of March shared their experience on moving to a Grade 7-12 school

Issues:

- Booking rooms
- Sharing common spaces
- Difference between a Primary and a Secondary Librarian

Note: *SRB lost a 0.5 librarian technician but will get back next year.*

Noise level went up

Positives:

Access to psychologist was appreciated

Better data sharing among teachers

Note: School council meetings take longer

PROM: Some schools are having a school sanctioned PROM.
Talking Mental Health: May 16th at Brookfield HS.

Additional Information from Wendy

- A new gym building is planned for SRB that will be ready in 2019. But in the meantime, students will share the same gym.
- Renovation to the change rooms might be done
- Work on the new building cannot start before the students are in the school as per administrative regulations.

9. Use of SRB Council Funds

Purchased microwave: \$576.

10. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault

No change from last report. The balance is \$ 1829.67

Sir Robert Borden High School
Bank of Nova Scotia
School Funds

Detailed Category Summary - \$

Summary for: School Council

Cat. #: 11000

Contact Person

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

10. Other

Monica - Request for ideas for PRO Grant talks.

School time:

Grades 7-8: 8:50 – 3:20

Grades 9-12: 9:00 – 3:08

Grade 7-8: There will be no yellow bus. OCTranspo passes will be distributed instead.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting: June 13th, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Minutes approved by:

Monica Nevins, Chair

Samira Ouaz, Secretary