

Minutes

Sir Robert Borden High School Council

November 7, 2017

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

Present

Ann McEachern
Anna Krechmer
Barbara Callaghan
Brenda Branchard (co-chair)
Caleb Ramsay (Student Rep)
Carmen Parsons (co-chair)
Christina Gillanders (Vice Principal)
Helen Norman (OCASC)
Ismail Elmi
Jen Hubbard
Jen Poole
Jill Porter
Kathryn Ferris (Teaching Rep)
Barb Callaghan
Lori Sops (Teaching Rep)
Maria Schnarr (co-Secretary)
Michael Blakely (Teaching Rep)
Samira Ouaz (Secretary)
Sharon Creasey
Silvio Ostroscki
Torie DelGrosso
Trish Calof
Jean Paul Larochette
Ann McEachern
Annette Murray
Wendy Verreault (Principal)

1. Call to Order

Call to order at 7:00 PM by Carmen Parsons. Brenda Branchard was introduced as the Co-Chair for Grades 7 and 8.

2. Approval of Agenda

Items added to the agenda were fundraising questions for grades 7 and 8 and how to spend the \$1000 Parents Reaching Out Grant.

3. Approval of September Minutes

Jen Poole motioned to accept the minutes. Maria Schnarr seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

4. Student Report (grades 9-12) - Caleb Ramsay

Two events were held since the last meeting - BBQ -128 tickets sold - good turnout.

Dance - \$900 profit earned on the dance. Money is used for other events and police payment etc.

Next event is Dec 1. Casino Night - Kingsmen theme.

5. Teaching Staff Report

Grades 7-8, Kathryn Ferris, Lori Sops

Terry fox event was successful

Dance was hosted and \$800 raised to use toward end of year trips.

Choir and bands and other clubs are up and running.

Rideauwood presentations for 7s and 8s were done addressing gaming and substance abuse as well as other topics. Public health nurses also came in to talk about healthy transitions to high school.

Arctic light presentation was done and successful.

StressLess through CHEo

Field trips to Westboro

Sports teams - earned first banner.

Sunglasses fundraiser is running.

Classes participating in skills ideas through colleges.

Fundraising

There is a fundraiser running to benefit a student with cancer. There are support programs in place for the student. The school can help with gas as well as food for the family. JP Larochette offered to help with tutoring if required by the student.

Bookfair - this may be run as a fundraiser and it could be timed with 1st term reports. Timing needs to be decided. Would Julia want parent volunteers?

Coffee fundraiser is running for band currently.

Proposal for a movie night to raise money for gr 7 and 8. Parent volunteers will be needed.

Money came from Greenbank but there is still some money in the BMO bank account until the \$1000 PRO grant cheque clears.

Red maple reading program - will it be supported at SRB? (see vote later in minutes)

Ideas would be a bake sale - cafeteria is open in the morning and bake sale could be held after school any day.

The school has 10 days of different lunches that can be used for fundraising.

Mini enrichment - this happens in May. Students are chosen by the Christmas break.

Grades 7 and 8 ski program needs volunteers. There is a meeting coming up November 22 in the school at lunchtime. Mrs Orchard would have a meeting for gr 7 and 8 separately. Carmen suggested using twitter to reach parents regarding volunteering for ski club.

Mrs. Orchard will post on school website about Ski Club details.

Grades 9-12 - Michael Blakely,

MOB (Math Opportunities at Borden) is up and running 3:30-4:30, 4 days a week in room 106. Grade 12 students wrote the math contest.

50 students signed up for intermediate math contest.

Beaver computing challenge for gr 7-12 is good for exposure to computer coding etc. This is running over the next 2 weeks.

Upcoming contests are Canadian Computing Challenge in February, and Pascal math contest, also in February.

6. Principal Report – Wendy Verreault

News:

- Admin & Guidance attended a Foster Farm Parent's Meeting for our 40 Pathway's students.
- TOKTW Day was attended by 170 Grade 9 students (7 came to school, 30 stayed home)
- Two Remembrance Day Ceremonies this Friday in the morning. There will be lots of poppies and a tribute to Vimy Ridge. Capt Casey Anderson will speak. 2 choirs singing.
- Parent Teacher Interviews were very well attended.
- Awards Ceremony was a success with 290 Ontario Scholars and 108 Silver medals.
- Completed our mandatory 3 fire drills and just have the practice lockdown to complete.
- SRB has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It is maintained and checked monthly.
- New School website in the process of being updated. Send queries to Carol Darby.
- School Insurance for Council Members has been received. And FAQs on website.
- School CASH NET coming December 2017
- Prom data from last year 223 grads - 33 dinner only, 99 dinner/party, 9 party only, 13 guests - 3 dinner only, 9 dinner/party, 1 party only

Facilities Report: 26 Bike Rack installed on concrete platform, updating of our phone system to be done this year, Lower bowl of Auditorium chairs in Dec/Jan, finished the outside siding – to be continued next summer, Library delayed slightly due to recent changes for the new gym – it is good news! New uniforms for 7/8 Sports teams. Still MANY details being followed up about locks, projectors, SMART boards, white boards, cork boards on locker bays, portables etc.

Sports: All winter teams have coaches. Thanks Patrick!

- For OFSAA Cross Country, a midget boys and senior boys team qualified (in Petawawa)
- The grades 7/8 Boys Touch Football won the Tier 1 Board Championships.
- Girls Field Hockey received a Silver Medal last week.

Financial Update: We received our MOE grant of \$500 for 2017-18 and the \$1000 Pro grant. Current statement is \$5473.65 and was given to secretary for the minutes.

\$4000 cheque from GMS for 7 chromebooks and 10 cameras still to be purchased.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 7th – Grades 7/8 Rideauwood Class Presentations (last session Nov 28th)
- Nov 9th – Grades 7/8 Progress Reports issued
- Nov 10th – Remembrance Day Ceremony x2
- Nov 14th - College & University Info Night for Grade 11&12 students & parents 6:30 – 8 PM
- Nov 15th – Me to We day
- Nov 16th – Jazz Café
- Nov 17th – Mystery Dinner Theatre
- Nov 22nd – Gr 9-12 Reports Cards issued at 3 PM
- Nov 23rd – Skills Ontario presentations to three classes R8A, B, C
- Nov 23rd & 24th – Gr 7/8 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 24th – PA Day
- Nov 30th – Last day to drop a course without it appearing on transcripts

- Dec 1st – Casino Night 7:00 -10:00 PM
- Dec 14th – Winter Music Concert – starts at 7pm
- Dec 22nd – Waffle Breakfast @ 7:30 AM and Locker clean-up @ 10:10 AM

CURRICULUM DISCUSSION:

- School Learning Plan – Numeracy and well-Being. Any questions or discussion?

Mr. Blakely

The province wants to improve mathematics teaching and learning and so gave money for this initiative. At SRB we'll track classes of gr 9 and 10 applied learners in their experience with learning math. Do they feel positive about math or not?

Programs at SRB - we have MOB with teachers who help with math. We also have TVO program on line to support gr 7-10.

Our SLP works with 7 and 8 teachers as well - have a vision of what to do with students from 7-12. This should be an advantage in providing continuity in the teaching and in their attitudes toward math. The goal centers around collaboration and building a program together.

- Achieving Excellence in Applied Courses – includes Renewed Math Strategy

Achieving Excellence in Applied Courses - this funding comes from the ministry.

- Inclusive, Safe and Caring Programs – School Plan for Well-Being

Well Being - talks about downward trend of students feeling safe at SRB. Every school had downward trend though. Method of measurement changed from last year. Some students are not feeling accepted or included in our community. Working on building positive student / teacher relationships. Added diversity and equity assemblies. Working to remove some barriers such as school fees for some students. Goal is for everyone to feel supported in school.

Questions and comments - attendees to Wendy:

- Lockdown discussion - Students cannot use phones during a lockdown. Parents should not phone nor come to the school during a lockdown. There is a need to educate parents as to what to do in this situation.
- There have been changes to the school website and there need to be updates to the school website. Carol Darby can update Council area.
- There was a short discussion about Prom. The prom will be run by an outside company again this year. The school needs a leader from within the staff to take this on if SRB decides to run its own prom.

7. OCASC Report Helen Norman, OCASC Rep

Executive positions are yet to be filled

Secondary Schools Council will separate from the general meeting as they did last year. We at SRB have 2 reps but Helen is busy on the executive. Carmen will ask Dave Wright to attend OCASC meetings to represent SRB seniors.

8. Other Business

There have been bicycles stolen but not reported to the office. School may install cameras as there has been a request made.

If students forget their lock, they can ask the custodians for help.

Question came up as to whether Ms. Gillanders would like to do a Vice Principal's report. She declined.

PRO grant - some possible themes that were discussed were math and also social media. Maria talked about inviting Jennifer Laale to speak. Sharon Creasey will contact her to find out more information.

Ski Club can include grades 7 and 8. Mrs. Orchard will organize this.

Representatives from Canterbury, Colonel By, and Sir Guy Carleton will come in to speak with grade 7 and 8 SRB students.

9. Financial Report – Wendy Verreault

Current balance is \$5473.65

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	Cleared
09/12/2017	Cheque 19753	OCASC OCASC Membership	\$35.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
10/05/2017	Deposit 526	log # 55		\$4,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10/27/2017	Deposit 529	log # 90		\$1,500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Opening Balance: \$8.65 Category Balance: \$5,473.65 \$35.00 \$5,500.00

Grand Totals:

Opening Balances: \$8.65 Category Balances: \$5,473.65 \$35.00 \$5,500.00

10. Vote: Carmen proposed : “ Once finances are settled, can we agree to spend up to \$700 on The Red Maple Book Club books?” Sharon made the motion, JP seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of council members.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned around 9:00 PM

Next meeting: January 16th, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Maria Schnarr, Co-Secretary