

## **MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 19th, 2015**

**Present:** Sherry Kirkham, Siobhan Parker, Kim Stackaruk, Tony Mistak, Sara Belford, Rekha Kukreja, Rajini Rasasingham, Mona Garde, Angela Singh-Kerr, Blair Stackaruk, Kate Rehm

**Regrets:** Kelly Amos, Maureen Smithers, Sandeep Khanna, Yana Wang

1. **WELCOME** - Sherry Kirkham – 7:05 pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** – Tony Mistak

- a) The Holiday performance was very well received – thanks to all participants and techies who helped out.
- b) A Krispy Kreme sale on January 20<sup>th</sup> will support the OTMH. Take a break from studying and have a donut.
- c) The semi-formal is planned for February 12<sup>th</sup> at Le Dome with an Old Hollywood theme.
- d) The Inside Ride will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and Council is starting to prepare for it.

3. **LITERACY REPORT** – Kate Rehm

- a) WOSS has a comprehensive cross-curricular literacy strategy that includes literacy coaching, guided reading and a Scholastic reading Inventory to help increase students' reading levels.
- b) The Grade 9 practice literacy test is held the same time as the Grade 10 test. This helps identify at risk students early. Literacy courses are available for those who do not pass the test.

4. **MINUTES** - Siobhan Parker

Motion to approve November minutes by Rekha Kukreja and seconded by Angela Singh-Kerr.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Rekha Kukreja

- a) Deficit due to the theatre feasibility study. Account stands at -\$14,090.48. On-line auction brought in \$467.00.

Motion to approve financials by Mona Garde and seconded by Kim Stackaruk.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT** - Sherry Kirkham

- a) Thanks to everyone for helping out with the On Line auction. We would like to do another auction in February.
- b) George Couros is booked for February 19<sup>th</sup> at WOSS in the South Cafeteria in conjunction with other local schools as part of the PRO grant. Thanks to Blair and Kim Stackaruk for creating the flyer. Money is still left over from the grant. Please forward any Speaker ideas to Sherry.
- c) The Premier Awards is accepting nominations until February 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried to nominate Safe and Accepting Schools committee at WOSS. Help is needed to write the proposal.

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**7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva**

- a) No field trips in “J” months.
- b) Staffing – Eight teachers hired, three more are needed.
- c) One of the Vice Principals, Meena Sahi requested a transfer for personal reasons. A new VP will be in place for Semester 2.
- d) On target with the budget – 50% spent to date.
- e) Textbooks that are not returned are a big financial concern but on-line licensing fees are almost as much as texts. Mr. Stieva wants Chrome books available to all kids.
- f) The PISA Foundation selected WOSS to be part of their Math and Science testing. Forty-two Grade 10 students (and eight subs) will be tested on-line for two hours. There will be an international report to follow.
- g) WOSS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations continue to be planned.

**8. TEACHER REPORT – Sara Belford**

- a) Semester 1 classes end on the 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by exams and exam return day on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- b) “Just Do It” Days are days with concentrated, end of semester credit support and rescue for students before and during final exams.

Motion to adjourn by Kim Stackaruk and seconded by Blair Stackaruk at 9:00pm.

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 23rd, 2015 at 7:00 pm**