

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

Monday, May 27th, 2013

Present: John Stieva, Siobhan Parker, Yana Wang, Tara Hamilton, Mona Garde, Anna Blacklock, Zain Khan, Jacki Oxley

Regrets: Sherry Kirkham, Lou Smeyers, Kelly Amos, Vicki Ranger, Walid Estafan

1. **WELCOME** by Siobhan Parker – 7:07 pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** by Zain Khan

- a) Executive council is talking to incoming members to create a smooth transition.
- b) Athletic Banquet is on May 30th and the Recognition ceremony is on Friday, May 31st.
- c) Prom at Liuna Station is June 27th and Exam return day is June 28th
- d) End of year BBQ was a success.
- e) Council thanked Zain for his contribution to Council and wished him much success with his future plans.

3. **MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING** by Siobhan Parker

Motion to adopt last meeting minutes by Mona Garde and seconded by Anna Blacklock.

4. **STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION** by Jacki Oxley

- a) Councils don't often do goal setting. Jackie recommends looking at a three-year period. Keep goal setting simple and straight-forward. We need to come from a strength-based model not weakness. Fundraising is not a goal – it is a means to a goal.
- b) Jacki asked Council to break into small groups and list positive strengths of this Council and then asked for issues. She compiled the information and will prepare a report.
- c) Council needs to determine if a June meeting is required to discuss the report.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Siobhan Parker

Motion to approve April's financial statements by Mona Garde and seconded by Tara Hamilton.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT** by Siobhan Parker

- a) The merits of potential speakers for the PRO grant money were discussed. Karen Gordon, Blake Fly, Molly Burke and Meg Popovic would all make excellent speakers. Molly Burke will speak to WOSS students in October, perhaps she will do an evening session as well. Mr. Stieva to contact Molly Burke independently (not through Free the Children).
- b) The on-line auction needs donations especially ones with a Prom theme.

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

- a) Staffing – Two Department Heads are leaving. A new Science Department Head was hired. Interviews being held for Special Ed. North on May 28th. LTO hires required as 8 teachers on Mat. Leave next year.
- b) New laptops to be provided for all staff at a cost of \$112,000. Old computers to be used around the school and for extended sign out periods for students.
- c) Thinking about using agendas for Grade 9 students only. Need to think about how to get the Conduct Code to grade 10-12 students.
- d) Discussed keeping Daily announcements on website for three days and creating a monthly calendar with events. Mr. Stieva to investigate.
- e) September event for grade 9 and 10's regarding information on clubs and extra-curriculars.
- f) Mental Health Week – education sessions were conducted for staff to detect depression/anxiety in students.
- g) Exam schedule is almost finished. Conflicts needed to be resolved.

8. **OTHER** – Siobhan Parker

- a) Nothing to report.

Motion to Adjourn by Anna Blacklock, and seconded by Mona Garde at 9:03pm.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER, 2013 OR JUNE IF REQUIRED