

WOSS School Council Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2005

Minutes

Present

Jackie Williams, Chair; John Stieva, Principal, Bob Soden, Vice Principal; Lorraine Fedurco; John Monteiro, Staff representative; John Welsh, community representative; Amanda Creo, Student Council; Parents: Kathy Batycky, Simon Khanna, Diane Moseley, Daniel Neibert, Luis and Esperanza Flores, Zaitun Esmail and Laura Gillespie.

October's Minutes

The Minutes for the October, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Student Council Report (Amanda Creo)

- The student council will be running a food drive starting December 1. The student council will help run the Christmas Assembly, which will be held on December 23. They decided not to hold another dance before the holidays, to concentrate on the assembly. The student council has been asked to assist the drama council with the Oklahoma shows, by providing ushers for each show. Then the student council will be working with the music council to assist with the talent show.
- The student council was happy to report that they had a very good turnout at the Halloween dance. The dance was well behaved, there were no incidents, and no trouble during the dance. The only difficulty encountered was that many students did not bring their ID, and there were some problems with the coat check.
- Once a month the student advisory council meets – this is a meeting of the presidents of each of the student councils with the principal. The councils each discuss what they are doing, so there is good communication among all the different councils.

Staff Rep Report

The report cards have been sent home and interviews are scheduled for next Thursday. The council want the teachers to know that we can put information on their behalf.

Chair's Report

- Jackie reported that at the Family of Schools meeting the issue discussed was how to get more parents to attend council meetings, and to help fundraising. Only one of the schools in our family of schools needed to have an election for the positions of school council. Iroquois Ridge High School has a problem with very few parents attending.
- On the question of a sign for school council, Mr. Stieva indicated he received a quote of \$750. As this was too expensive, further investigation is ongoing.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer produced Bank Reconciliation statements for the period August 1, 2005 to October 31, 2005. The total bank balance (chequing and investment accounts) as at October 31, 2005 was \$6,703.33.
- Council discussed format for the treasurer's presentation and it was agreed that there was no need for the treasurer to copy the actual bank statements for presentation to Council; the summary was sufficient. It was indicated that Board Policy required that Councils use

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Quicken. However, council agreed that it is sufficient to continue using the Excel spreadsheet format.

Treasurer's Report (Cont'd)

- The issue of the bank's monthly service charge was discussed, and whether it was possible to reduce and eliminate this expense. Several council members were to investigate different institutions to see if a reduction or removal of the monthly service charge could be obtained.

Presentation and Request for Funds by Hamish Guthrie

Hamish Guthrie explained the WOSS Debate Club was hosting the Provincial Championships at the end of March, 2006 and, as a result, was in need of funds. Council authorized a donation of \$500 to the Debate Club to assist with the costs of this tournament.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Soden reviewed the Grade 9 Math Assessment report.
- Mr. Stieva reviewed the policy statement and guidelines of the Halton District School Board with regard to fundraising:
 - The purpose of school fundraising is to give a direct benefit to the students.
 - The guidelines state that the principal is to consider the educational and social value of the fundraising and there should be no more than 2 major fund raising activities each school year.
 - Each high school has a business manager who handles all the funds. Each fundraising project is done under the supervision of a sponsoring teacher. The purpose is to reduce costs to the students.
 - Fundraising projects ongoing at WOSS include Bingo, cheese sales, chocolate sales, food gift certificate sales, orange sales, online purchasing and bake sales. All monies raised are held by the school under the management of the business manager. All requests for fundraising projects must go through the principal. When considering the project, the principal asks: 1) purpose of the fundraiser; 2) what expenses to be charged; and 3) what happens if any balance in the account.
 - The purpose of Corporate sponsorships is to benefit the education of the students, but the school must watch to not compromise or exploit the students or the staff. The Board has a responsibility to address student equity with the use of corporate sponsorship funds.
- Mr. Stieva indicated there were many happenings in the school in the next few months: presentation of Oklahoma, the music Christmas concert on December 13, a trauma assembly presented by the Oakville hospital with the purpose of assisting students with making wise choices when driving motor vehicles, parent teacher interviews, the school Reach tournament, the Board-run Create a Scene at the Mississauga Living Arts Center, WOSS-Stock, a fundraising band concert for the robotics team, and a cheerleading competition on December 3. In addition there were ongoing teams in girls and boys hockey, swimming, volleyball, basketball, year book club, knitting club, debate club and curling team. Further, there were university information sessions ongoing.
- Mr. Stieva indicated that the following were list renewal requests to the Board on behalf of WOSS, for summer work: upgrading/repair/replacement of Science Labs, teaching kitchen, track, change rooms, windows, curtains, tiles, carpets and paving of the parking areas.
- A commencement committee was being created to review the timing of the commencement – with the choices being leaving it in the late fall, or changing it to June of each year. Mr.

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Stieva hoped to have the committee comprised of 3 staff, 3 parents, 3 graduating students, and 2 administrative staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm. **Next meeting** is scheduled for **January 16, 2006** (no December meeting). We will meet in Room E105 (behind the South Campus cafeteria) regularly now.