

# WOSS School Council Meeting Monday, September 19, 2005

## Minutes

### Present

Jackie Williams, Chair; Erica Gilby, Past Chair; Linda Hill, Treasurer; Frances Showers Walker, Community Rep; John Stieva, Principal, Bob Soden, Vice Principal; Loraine Fedurco, Vice Principal; Sue Monaghan, public health nurse; Parents: Marg Harrison, Darlene Fitz-Gerald, Fara Shojai, Ali Shamlou, Wendy Visintini, Elaine Moores, Dianne Moseley, Cindy Rice, Simon Khanna, Kathy Batycky, Luis Flores, Esperanza Pavon; Luis Flores (student)

### Highlights of 2004-2005

Reviewed the summary report for 2004-2005 with a focus on some of the plans set last year for this year including: revising the constitution, hosting two parent nights with expert speakers, assisting with the Grade 8-Grade 9 transition, fundraising, helping with student fundraising (develop a fundraising manual for staff and students and bring in a speak on fundraising), continuing with monthly E-News and continuing with collecting e-mail addresses for parents,

### Treasurers Report (Linda Hill)

We have approximately \$6200 (\$5000 in a GIC). In addition to this, some money came in over the summer for donations to council (\$275) and charm sales (\$123), plus a cheque from the HDSB for \$51.03 for reimbursement out of the council's \$200 annual allocation.

### Halton Regional Health Department (Sue Monaghan)

Halton Region has a new Positive Parenting Program starting up, which will be hosted by WOSS. This program is free of charge. Tentative dates are: Nov. 3, Dec. 11, and Jan. 19. Halton Region also has funds available, \$1000 per high school, for any initiative that deals with smoking. Groups can apply through the Region. The goal of these "Tobacco Action Grants" is to reduce smoking by the students. WOSS has passed the Tobacco Grant information to the Grade 11 Leadership class.

As well, the new focus of the Health Unit is towards building a healthy school. If anyone has any concerns about what is happening in the school related to junk food, smoking, or any issues related to physical and mental health of the students, they can contact Sue and she will assist in working with the school staff and admin to address the issues.

### October 28 Graduation

This year's grad is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Grad Committee has set a budget of approximately \$3,000, with the hope of receiving donations from local businesses and/or local community members. Kathy Batycky will be helping with donation requests for both cash and in kind donations. Further report next meeting.

### October 13 Speaker

Phil Hedges, Executive Director of Ontario School Counsellors Association, will be speaking about Helping Youth Make Good Career Decisions. Council discussed ways to promote the evening – inviting Abbey Park and Iroquois High Schools and our feeder schools, include it on our McCraney-Montclair corner sign, display flyers, and Community News in the Beaver.

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### Principal's Report (John Stieva)

- Mr. Stieva reported on the recent renovations to the school including the South Office, North Campus gymnasium, and the Cosmetology Department in the North Campus. A parent asked about the possibility of some renovations to the boy's showers which would give them a bit of privacy, currently there is no privacy (shower curtains were tried but didn't last long).
- As well, a parent asked about 2nd period and 5th period lunch and where students could get food at that time and if students would be allowed to eat in class during 3rd or 4th period. The cafeteria is now open at 10 am in the morning and is considering including an all-day breakfast on the menu.
- In addition, the cafeteria will start having extended hours in the afternoon, for those students who have 5<sup>th</sup> period lunch.
- Bob Soden, VP, also explained to council how the September 22 evening for Grade 9 parents will work – a 15 minute presentation followed by parents following their child's time table around the school to listen to 10 min presentations in each room by teachers.
- There are several trips planned by various groups in the school this year: there is a history trip to France, a trip to Chicago by the Band, and the Drama group is looking at London, England. (A parent in the meeting indicated that the drama trip may be cancelled due to lack of interest).

### **Meeting dates for 2005-2006 were set**

October 17, 2005

November 21, 2005

January 16, 2006

February 20, 2006

April 17, 2006

May 15, 2006

**Meeting time:** 7:00 to 9:00 pm

### Next Meeting (October 17)

At the October meeting, we will be holding elections for School Council positions for 2005-2006. Anyone interested in the positions of chair, secretary, and treasurer is to contact John Stieva between now and then. We are also looking for a community rep to sit on council this year. Wendy Visintini mentioned that she knows of someone who might be interested and will contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.