

**WOSS School Council Meeting**  
**April 10, 2006**  
**Minutes**

In attendance:

Simon Khanna, Chairperson  
Jim Noble, Vice-Principal  
Elaine Moores, Secretary  
Deborah Angeloff, parent  
Daniel Niebert, parent

**1. Feb. 20, 2006 Minutes:**

Acceptance of the minutes will be deferred until the May meeting, because there were only 2 attendees from that meeting who were present.

**2. Student Council Report:**

No students attended. Jim Noble had not been given any news to report on behalf of Student Council.

**3. Chair's Report**

a) Family of Schools Meeting – Feb. 28:

Simon attended the meeting. Dusty Papke discussed “Boys and Learning”. A committee will focus on accommodating boys, who have a higher drop-out rate than girls. As well, the ratio of boys to girls who are returning for a fifth year is 2:1. An e-file of the Power Point deck is available upon request.

b) Proposed Capital Plan for the Town of Oakville:

Pages 24-26 contain information about WOSS. Predictions are that from 2006-2015, the enrollment will drop, but the percentage of French immersion students will increase. WOSS attendance is below the Ministry of Education's guidelines for capacity, but it is above Halton School Board's capacity guidelines. The report is available upon request.

c) Family of Schools Meeting – March. 25:

Daniel reported on the Tribes Program that is used at a number of schools, including Monclair, to breakdown barriers based on economic groups, gender, race, etc. The Tribes concept focuses on what students share in common, vs. their differences. It is used to build social and emotional skills in kindergarten to grade 8 students, and foster a positive culture within the school. Visit [www.tribes.com](http://www.tribes.com).

d) Vision for Children in Halton Report Card:

This program is designed to target children considered “high risk” due to social, economic or developmental problems. See [www.region-halton.on.ca/scs/cs/okn.htm](http://www.region-halton.on.ca/scs/cs/okn.htm).

e) On-Line Parent Survey:

Survey occurs May 1-19. Parents are encouraged to participate, for the first time. Students and teachers have already been surveyed.

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- f) Parent Involvement Initiative:  
\$500 will be given to each school council to encourage parent involvement. WOSS may wish to consider pooling/sharing its resources with those in our Family of Schools.
- g) Healthy Living Session: April 12
- h) April 6 Brain-Compatible Learning:  
Garfield Gini-Newman's information session was well-attended by approximately 80 parents and educators from schools in Oakville, Burlington and Toronto. Many of the attendees provided us with their email addresses. When we send the electronic deck, we will ask them:
- a. how did they learn about this session (e.g. neighbour, school council, Oakville Beaver, other)?
  - b. with what school are they or their child(ren) affiliated?
  - c. would they like to be informed of our future information sessions?
- 5. Treasurer's Report:**  
Simon reported on behalf of Dianne Mosely. The maximum term for any school council treasurer is 2 years. Dianne is part-way through her first year. She is using Quicken and will present the report at our May meeting. There is \$5000 in GIC, and \$786 in our bank account. We will continue to use TD??
- 6. Principal's Report:**
- a) Lockdown Procedures:
- Halton Police Services respond to all lockdown situations in Halton schools
  - lockdown in one of WOSS's campuses will extend to the other campus
  - students will remain in their classroom or go to the nearest classroom
  - students in the cafeteria will move to the stage area
  - students who are between north and south campuses will be given directions by Halton Police; they may be ushered to safe locations at Munns, Montclair, Sheridan College, etc.
  - North campus contains a daycare; a signal notifies parents not to enter the school in the event of a lockdown
  - lights are turned off; students get out-of-view and remain quiet
  - one lockdown drill per semester will likely be introduced in 2006/07
  - students should realize there is a problem if the halls are empty
- b) Budgets:
- funds are allocated based on "average daily student enrollment" at Mar. 31 and Oct. 31
  - full-time student is defined as one who attends 3 or more classes per semestre
  - two part-time students do not equal one full-time student, for the purposes of receiving MOE funding

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- WOSS has specialized programs such as FAMS; a student who attends WOSS in the morning and returns to his/her home school in the afternoon does not get included in our enrollment figures
- older students taking one or two courses to finish high school do not qualify us for MOE funding

**7. Other**

- a) IB Program:
  - there was discussion about projected enrollment. Present indications suggest 32 students in Grade 10 pre-IB program.
- b) Tues. April 25, Family of Schools meeting, 7 p.m. Lorne Skuce
  - agenda will include Crime Stoppers and Marketing Your School
- c) Accessibility to School Survey: April 10 – 28
  - refer to the Halton District School Board website to participate
  - <http://www.hdsb.ca/main.aspx?sMenuKey=1093&sMenuID=1093&sParentID=1092&sPageID=474>
- d) Donovan Bailey will host Active 2010 Daily Quality Fitness, Milton Sports Centre, April 12
- e) April 11: Milton Sports Centre: School Council and information feedback process meeting