

# WOSS School Council Meeting

## Monday, October 16, 2006

### Minutes

#### **Present**

Simon Khanna,(Acting Chair), Dianne Moseley (Treasurer), John Stieva (Principal), Bob Soden (Vice Principal), Theresa Blake (Teacher),Tara Seeber, Robert Martin, Luis Flores, Esperanza Pavon, Shubhangi Mehendale, Jagdish Mehendale, John Welsh, Daniel Neibert, Elaine Moores

#### **IB Program**

Teresa Blake talked to council about the essay program that is involved with the IB program and has put in a request to find advisors (interested parents) that can be paired up with the students. The essays are evaluated outside of the school and none of the grading is done at the school. This will start in the fall of 2007.

#### **Review of September'06 Minutes**

Daniel Neibert says that he is not the only person involved with reviewing the constitution, there are other volunteers, but could not recall their names.

Minutes were then accepted as written.

#### **Chair's Report**

Council Executive for 2006/2007:

Chair – no volunteers; position could possibly be split up, Simon Khanna to speak with Jackie Williams.

Treasurer – Dianne Moseley will stay on for this school year.

Secretary – Kathy Batycky and Elaine Moore (as back up) volunteered at the September meeting.

Fundraising Committee – Bob Seitz volunteered via email and John Welsh.

Constitution Review – Simon Khanna passed the folder to Daniel Neibert; he will check into whom else volunteered.

Graduation Donation – Dianne Moseley reported that the council did give \$500.00 to the graduation committee as requested. Dianne brought up the question should this be a standard donation each year? It was decided that this contribution needs to be further discussed.

There also was a general discussion as to how the council does their fundraising. The funds are raised by parent donations, some bingo funds – perhaps council could do a few bingos this year. There was a discussion of having a donation made at Speaker events, perhaps these funds would help offset the cost of having the Speaker. Mr. Stieva suggested that perhaps we could have a “Murder/Mystery Dinner” event.

#### **Community Rep Report**

Mr. Welsh reported to that he attended the last Halton District School Board meeting. The issue of a pay raise was on the table for the trustees. The committee of 6 approved 100% of the factors, hence the raise was approved.

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**Treasurer's Report**

Dianne Moseley reported that we currently have \$618.08 in the chequing account and \$5000.00 invested in a GIC. This GIC matures February 27/07, and is currently earning an interest rate of 3.25% (variable interest rate). This GIC can be dipped into without penalty if we need some of these funds. The "Board dollars" will be used for bringing in a Speaker.

**Principal's Report**

Mr. Stieva reported/commented on the following subjects:

- Enrolment numbers are up and new staff will be hired for this semester. A Business teacher is needed for Semester 2.
- EQAO results in Math are in. To view statistics go to HDSB website. Mr. Stieva and Mr. Soden will further discuss these results at the next council meeting. Our standing is very important to parents. He said that people who are relocating to this area review these stats. He recently had enquiries from as far away as London, England and Greece.
- IB visit scheduled for October 23 & 24 has had a great response from 24-25 of our parents who are coming out to speak with the visitors.
- List of how board funds are distributed, what the vision is for the school and school improvement plans will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mr. Stieva asked the council what other topics we would like to know about.
- Elaine Moores asked about a drug problem that she had read in the Oakville Beaver by Iroquois Ridge. Mr. Stieva spoke about what procedure the schools have in place to deal with drugs. He also spoke about the pathways into Sheridan College being closed down due to an incident. In January or February Mr. Soden will have the Police Service Liaison, Sean Thomas, come and speak to the council.
- Literacy and Numeracy is a school wide issue and that is why they de-semestered English & Math.
- Two new policies in place about how due dates of projects and plagiarism are going to be handled.
- Diane Moseley asked what outside services are available for help for the students. It was suggested that they contact Student Initiatives Services.
- November 13/06 Report Cards are mailed and November 23/06 is Parent/Teacher Interviews.

**Other Business**

- John Welsh, Community Rep, says he feels that he is not connected with the community and school. He is a 40 year resident of Oakville, and his children went to school here. It was decided that the school newsletter will be sent to him via his daughter's email. Mr. Welsh also suggested that perhaps the school trustee for our area come and speak to council.
- Bob Martin complimented the school's website. He asked who maintains the site and the reply was one of the teacher maintains the site.

**Next Meeting**

November 20, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.