

# WOSS School Council Minutes

## January 22, 2007

### Attendees:

Kelly Amos – chair  
Lorraine Fedurco – vice principal  
Bonnie Husain – teacher  
Simon Khana – parent  
Craig MacDonald - parent  
John Monteiro – teaching staff rep  
Elaine Moores – back up secretary  
Dianne Mosely - treasurer  
Bob Soden – vice principal  
John Stieva - principal  
John Welsh – community rep  
Jackie Williams

### Absentees:

Tara Seeber – sent her regrets for missing this meeting.

### Agenda:

1. **Minutes from Nov. 20, 2006** meeting: Accepted
2. **Student Rep Report:** John Stieva reported that students are busy with summatives and preparing for exams. The semi-formal dance will be held at Le Dome. The graduation dance will take place at the Mississauga Convention Centre.
3. **Chair's Report:**
  - a. *Revising the Constitution:* Daniel Neibert was unable to attend this meeting. An update on the status of this item is deferred until our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Action: Daniel Neibert**
  - b. *Fundraising:* John Welsh reported that he and Daniel have not been able to meet. John offered the following fundraising ideas:
    - Bingo
    - John will contact the culinary arts teacher about dinner and craft sale. He hopes to attract 200 people over 2 evenings.
    - solicit donations from Oakville businesses**Action: John Welsh** will provide update at February meeting.

John Stieva was questioned as to the school's wish list, in order to determine how much fundraising is required. The school's wish list includes:

- data projectors
- smart boards; est. \$2500 each; would like to have these in science and math departments, but eventually in all classrooms
- TV's with DVD players; 28" LCD flat screen to hook up to computer; est. \$1200 each

The group brain stormed about other fundraising possibilities.

- John Stieva advised that the Sanctuary rents WOSS auditorium. It has offered to split the cost for a ceiling-mounted data projector on a 50/50 basis. The cost is approx. \$5K, including wiring. The Sanctuary's contract is effective for another 2-3 years. When the Sanctuary leaves WOSS, the data projector remains our property. WOSS is responsible for maintenance of any equipment, including bulb replacement.
- silent auction to accompany dinner & craft sale
- Bright card (formally Vista card) **Action: Kelly Amos** will investigate and report

c. *Donation to Staff Appreciation Luncheon:* Week of Jan. 29; Simon Khanna raised the motion to donate \$150; Elaine Moores seconded the motion; motion passed.

d. *Bingo:* Andrew Bigham coaches the rugby team. He has taken the lead for bingo fundraising. WOSS teams and clubs take turns running bingo nights. A minimum of ten people are required to work on bingo night. If additional assistance is required, the rugby team will help, in return for 20% of the profits. WOSS school council could choose to take a Bingo night to raise funds.

e. *Elaine Moores' report:*

- Community and Parent Partners for Kids (CAPP for Kids) is hosting a presentation on "Parenting through Separation and Divorce", Tues. Feb. 27, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Mainway Arena Auditorium, Burlington, admission free, no reservations required

- School Police Liaison Officer: Constable Shawn Thomas is not available to meet with us on Monday nights. He offered to produce a presentation about drugs, signs of abuse, paraphernalia, etc. His role is to liaise with WOSS about police matters, not to work with parents. The group is interested in hearing the police discuss what is happening on the streets. **Action: Elaine** will follow-up to see if there is another community services, auxiliary police or DARE officer available to speak at a future meeting.

- Ron Morrish presentation on April 19, Adolescents and Discipline: **Action: Kelly, Dianne and Elaine** will contact Ron Morrish, produce a promotional flyer, ad for Oakville Beaver, and write the display sign message. **All** members of School Council will assist in promoting this event, as we approach the event.

e. *Principal Profile:* Parents have the opportunity to provide feedback about the principal for WOSS. **Action: Jackie** will send last year's survey to attendees. **All** members of School Council are invited to review it and indicate if the same considerations apply.

f. *Parent Involvement Dollars:* \$976.50 was received from the Halton Board for Parent Involvement Initiatives. WOSS will be hosting Ron Morrish's presentation on the Secrets of Discipline, at a cost of \$450. River Oaks Public School has asked the Family of Schools to contribute towards a presentation on Internet Safety. John Walsh raised the motion to help fund this event for \$500; Craig MacDonald seconded the motion; motion passed.

g. *Oakville's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:* The celebrations take place in May. All schools are invited to coordinate an event to celebrate Oakville's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*b. Jackie Williams:* School Council recognized Jackie Williams' many contributions to WOSS, including being past president of school council.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

Dianne Mosely provided an update. As of Dec. 29, 2006, the balance is \$5,363.08 plus the Parent Involvement Dollars of \$975.60 (see item 3f). The total balance is \$6,598.04. Jackie raised the motion to purchase a smart board; Simon seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Action:** John Stieva will arrange for purchasing process.

#### **5. Principal's Report:**

*a. WOSS video:* John asked for School Council's input. Attendees felt the video reflected the student's perspectives. It could be improved by looking at what's important to parents choosing a school for their child. WOSS strengths include: diversity, wide range of courses and clubs, achievements. Suggestions include: interviewing parents, recent graduates, outlining scholarships received by WOSS students.

*b. WOSS Brochure:* The current brochure has been around for approximately 4 years and requires updating. **All** attendees are asked to review the brochure and be prepared to discuss how to improve it at the February meeting.

*c. School Improvement Plan:* Discussion deferred.

#### *d. Upcoming School Trips:*

Music – Vienna, March 6-22

Drama – London

Robotics – Virginia, London

Cheerleading – Victoria

Junior Band & Choir – Nova Scotia

Business – New York City

Ski – Vermont

#### **6. Other:**

##### *a. Web Site Update:*

John will speak to Dale Andrews (Comm Tech teacher and school web site designer) about redesigning the council web site for a nominal fee. We would like:

- the design of the website to be in line with the school web site design.
- something ready by the end of April

**Action:** John Stieva

Kelly reminded everyone to read the SEPlan and brochure by the next meeting, February 19th. **Action:** All attendees