

WOSS School Council Meeting
Monday, Nov. 19, 2007
7:00 pm

MINUTES

Attendees:

Kelly Amos – Chair
 John Stieva – Chair
 Bonnie Husain – Teacher
 Kathy Batycky – Secretary
 Jackie Williams – Past Chair
 Justin McAdam - Student Deputy PM
 Daniel Neibert – Community Rep
 Parents - Simon Khana, Elaine Moores, Annette Cook, Saadia Khan, Chris Vollum
 Guests - Heather Wilford, Graeme Dalglish, Lauren Davies, Christina Annis, Bradley Cooke, Christina St.Cyr, Sandy Kumka, Hamish Guthrie, Liam Kennedy-Slaney

<p>1. Welcome (1 min)</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p>2. Futures Program proposal (15 min) Ms. Annis presented to Council the concept of the futures program, which promotes recycling and change student behaviours about recycling. The student guests presented the benefits of the program for the students. The students emphasized they want to keep the school tidy and the environment clean, and they find they enjoy learning the concepts from each other. Ms. Annis provided a slide show presentation on the program. Ms. Annis is requesting funds from parent council for the purchase of T-Shirts for the students in the program. She was quoted about \$6 per shirt; she needed 60 shirts, but the T-shirt company said that if 72 shirts are ordered, the price per shirt drops. This would include a shirt for all the students in the Futures Program, and the leadership students involved. The group was told council will discuss the amount of funds we can provide, and let them know.</p>	<p>Christina Annis</p>
<p>3. Drama Program proposal (10 min) Ms. Wilford, Graeme Dalglish and Lauren Davies gave a presentation on what is going on in the drama program. Fringe Festival, Sears Festival, and Musical venture between drama and music (The Sound of Music) and “play in a day” festival. The drama council meets every Fridays. The drama council has transparent finances. They inherited debt from last year in the amount of \$ 16,000, which accumulated over the past two years. The school will cover approximately \$6,000 which was partly the cost of the new They have raised \$1,100 to date. They do not have sufficient funds for cost of plays. Their initiatives are WOSS hoodies, boxes of Junior Mints, recycling printer cartridges, and attempts at corporate sponsorship. They are requesting \$500 to pay for script royalties and festival entry fees. They are also looking into a program called “Shop and Support”; parents go online and purchase a gift card, and the company gives about 3 % of the purchase price to the drama council. The difficulty they found that the program is not well used. They found that debt was created by fundraising ventures and the cost of the different projects held by the council in the past. The group was told council will discuss the amount of funds we can provide, and let them know.</p>	<p>Heather Wilford</p>

<p>4. Student Newspaper Proposal (10 min) Liam Kennedy-Slaney gave a presentation about the student newspaper, which will be called "The White Oaks Herald". He wanted to put together a newspaper. He and his friend tried to get a grant, but were not successful. Mr. Dale Andrews has agreed to be the teacher representative. The proposal is to print the newspaper at the school. Mr. Andrews is planning to obtain a printer which could be used for the newspaper. He was hoping to have enough writers to be able to put the paper out each week; approximately 30 students have signed up to participate. The cost of the printer is \$2,500. It is new technology with Xerox, using solid ink, which is more cost effective. Mr. Andrews has raised \$1,000 towards the cost of the printer. The projected cost of the paper would be 8cents per sheet, with 8 sheets per newspaper; they hope to sell the paper at \$1 per paper. They would hope to put an issue out by the Christmas break, or the first week of January. Liam was told council will discuss the amount of funds we can provide, and let them know.</p> <p>Debate Club Hamish Guthrie spoke about the debate team. This year the team is larger than it has ever been; almost 40 students have joined the debate club this year. Students are attending a tournament at University of Western Ontario this weekend, and have a cost of \$800. The debate club has inherited a debt of \$1400 from last year. The club this year has decided to require each student to pay for the full cost of the tournament for him or her. Each student has been asked to pay \$20 each to join the club; this allows the club to pay the deposits for the entry fees for the tournaments. The club is having bake sales. Unfortunately this year they have not been able to arrange for a Bingo. They have in the past had corporate sponsor, but each year is a new attempt to obtain the corporate sponsorship. The debate team has to date been quite successful. The club would also like to go to Queens University. The group was told council will discuss the amount of funds we can provide, and let them know. Also, on Friday February 15, 2008 (from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)WOSS will be sponsoring the National debate tournament. He requires 40 judges to help with this tournament. Mr. Guthrie has asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer as a judge. Training will be provided.</p>	<p>Dale Andrews & Liam Kennedy- Slaney</p>
<p>5. Facebook Safety (15 min) Chris Vollum gave a presentation on facebook safety. Chris has suggested he can provide a seminar for parents and/or students to show the dangers of the use of Facebook.</p>	<p>Chris Vollum</p>
<p>6. Minutes from Oct. (5 min) Minutes were reviewed. Elaine Moores indicated that the reaching out Grant was not obtained; it would not have worked for the bleachers. Daniel Neibert pointed out he is community rep, not parent. Daniel moved to approve minutes with this change; Elaine seconded, and passed.</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p>7. Student Rep Report (10 min) Student council has changed their roles. They held a meeting and decided that members of the council must participate more than at a minimum. They have instituted fashion Fridays. They are putting an emphasis on helping other students, and are helping with a charity concert, and a lip synch contest at the holiday concert. They will also be volunteering at the student teacher interview night. They are</p>	<p>Justin McAdam</p>

<p>continuing to work on the plan to get new bleachers. Student Council has made approximately \$1,000 from their fundraisers They have decided to use 80% towards the bleacher project, and Mr. Stieva has agreed to match that amount. Athletic council has also raised some money. Major fundraisers for this year is Relay for Life, where students will raise money by walking around the track overnight, dances which can raise up to \$1000 each, and a dodge ball tournament. The student council also plans to have a meeting with Iroquois Ridge to arrange a spirit Olympics between the two schools.</p>	
<p>8. Treasurer's Report (5 min) Council needs a treasurer; The school's business manager is willing to do the books, but the council must have a parent named. Saadia Khan has offered to become the treasurer, on that basis. Kelly indicated that Council currently has less than \$500 in the bank account, plus a \$2,600 GIC. As a result, it will be impossible to provide funds to all the groups that requested funds tonight.</p>	
<p>9. Chair's Report (40 min) Calendar sales – We need to step up the sales of the calendars. We have the opportunity to set up a booth at Hopedale Mall on Thursday December 6th and 13th. We can't get into Oakville Place until the new year, but will arrange to do that if necessary Elaine Moores and Jackie Williams will man a table at parent/teacher interview night. In addition, we are looking for a student group that is willing to sell 2,000 calendars, and obtain a \$500 donation in return. The donation would be \$25 per 100 calendars sold. Simon is suggesting we ask the groups to sell calendars in order to help raise the money. Council made the decision to let the drama council and debate club know that if they are willing to help sell calendars, council will give them \$25 per 100 calendars sold and also match the donation. Mr. Stieva indicated that the newspaper does not need money immediately. Kathy Batycky will arrange for a corporate sponsorship to pay for the Futures Program request. - Fundraising – Silent Auction and Dinner Theatre –Council decided it may be difficult to carry out two major fundraising activities this year, so we will proceed with dinner theatre this spring, and then have a silent auction in the next school year, preferably in the fall. - Theatre update – deferred to next meeting - speakers for April – discussion lead by Elaine - The two speakers currently available are quite expensive, Maggie Mamen charges \$800 and Scott Wooding charges \$1,500. The decision as to whether to proceed with a speaker was deferred to next meeting.</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p>10. Principal's Report (20 min) As a result of the late time, the principal's report was deferred to the next meeting. - Bill 212 - EQAO results - School effectiveness Plan - Other</p>	<p>J. Stieva</p>
<p>11. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.</p>	

Next Meeting Date – Monday, January 21, 2008