

**WOSS School Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 15, 2007**  
**Teacher's Staff Room (Conference room)**  
**7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Kelly Amos – Chair  
 Kelli Pfeiffer – Vice Principal  
 Bonnie Husain – Teacher  
 Dianne Moseley – Treasurer  
 Kathy Batycky – Secretary  
 Simon Khana – Parent  
 Jackie Williams – Past Chair  
 Brittany Sadkowski – Student PM  
 Justin McAdam - Student Deputy PM  
 Parents - Paraag Suchak, Darlea Endicott, Susan McIntyre, Saadia Khan, Elaine Moores  
 Community Rep - Daniel Neibert

<p><b>1. Welcome</b>          Daniel Neibert attended and offered to be the community rep.</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p><b>October Election</b>          Kelly offered to remain chair.          Kathy Batycky and Elaine Moores agreed to remain secretary and back up secretary.          Position of treasurer was up for election. What was needed was a liaison with Pam Cottingham, school business manager, who was willing to work on the books.          As no one was able to take over the treasurer's position, Kelly will temporary liaison with Pam Cottingham as working treasurer, and will put out a request to see if anyone might be interested in this position.          Daniel Neibert agreed to be Community rep.</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p><b>2. Student Newspaper Proposal</b>          Neither Dale Andrews nor James Edgar were able to attend the meeting. As a result this proposal was put over to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Dale Andrews &amp; James Edgar</p>
<p><b>3. Minutes from Sept</b>          Amendments needed to correct spelling of name under awards night Susan and Tara were to be switched, and spelling corrected in Attendees list.          Minutes were approved as amended.</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p><b>4. Student Rep Report</b>          Student council and athletic council have goal of purchasing bleachers and installed on the south field. Project cost is \$7,000. The students believe the Town should be paying a portion; at least 60          Oakville Soccer Club games are played on the field. There are several activities planned by the student council to raise funds, but they are looking to the Town for help.          Council suggested student council contact town counselors Marc Grant and Jeff Knolls. Kelly suggested also the student contact Wayne Joudrie of the Board, because all other schools do have bleachers.          Kelly indicated to the students that council needs to assess our funds to see if council can provide money towards this project. Council's maximum allotment to student projects is \$500.          Other Information: Halloween Dance will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The student council is seeking some corporate sponsors, to pay for a better DJ, and as a Safe Teen Party. They can be part of the ad that they are part of providing a safe teen party.          The school is monitoring the students coming into the dance, and the students are warned they should not attend if they have been drinking. There were no suspensions during the past dance.</p>	<p>Brittany Sadkowski</p>

<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>  We received some donations through the fundraising drive during registration. We received \$669.72 this way. We currently have \$2,600 in our GIC and \$744.30 in the bank account after all outstanding invoices are paid.  If anyone is willing to apply, there is a deadline of Friday, October 19th for application for "The Parent's reaching out Grant". Elaine Moores will draft an application and forward it to Kelly for submitting to the Board. We will see if we can get the funds for the Bleacher proposal.</p>	D. Moseley
<p><b>6. Chair's Report</b>  October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the public meeting for the accommodation review for the schools in our area Kelly indicated she received information on "Tips for Parents about Bullying". Anyone who wants to read it can let her know.  <u>Fundraising</u>  The Calendars have arrived. We have already sold about 40 at the evenings attended by parents recently. John Stieva has approached the cheerleaders to see if they will commit to selling about 2,000 (and we would donate \$500) Students could purchase the calendars at the school, but they can't fill in their names on the calendar unless they are 18 years or over.  We are low in funds, so need to look at another fundraising project Possible idea is the dinner theatre and silent auction in the spring. The student reps offered to help.  <u>Theatre update</u>  Mary Chapin who is aware of theatres in Oakville indicated there are no potential projects in the works for building a theatre. The Director was approached about the idea, and he was agreeable that WOSS could attempt the project. John Stieva has approached an architect for a drawing, so we can show what we would build. We are thinking a theatre with 750 seats.  Cost is approximately 3 million total (1.5 million to build, 2 million for interior)  A school in Markham that completed such a project, and had a partnership with the City of Markham, so a possible visit is being looked into. Kelly asked for volunteers to help work on the project; Kathy Batycky, Jackie Williams and Daniel Neibert offered to be on the project.  <u>Internet Speaker:</u>  the evening was held last week. Attendance was quite low, only about 50 people attended. One criticism was that he didn't have an interactive presentation. The cost was \$2,000. WOSS paid \$500 towards the cost. One parent complained that she felt he didn't take her concerns seriously, and the speaker did not go far enough in his presentation.  <u>Speakers for April</u>  Elaine has been trying to find a speaker. She sent out emails to several speakers. Only two have responded to date, but they are both expensive.  Kelly suggested we look for a speaker on gender based learning. Jackie is aware of a superintendent who just published a book on gender based learning. Kelly also suggested Donna Taylor, principal at EC Drury, who does speeches on bullying  <u>Parent Involvement Dollars</u>  We will be receiving another \$700. Out of this \$200 is already spent – for the council website.</p>	K. Amos
<p><b>7. Principal's Report</b>  In John's absence, Kelli Pfeiffer gave us a short report:  <u>Capital Renewal Requests</u>  It is the time of year when the school submits what projects the school would like done e.g. large repairs. The school is in the process of considering what the needs are. The list will be collated on Friday, and must be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>. There were some suggestions in the meeting:  The students indicated that some of the screens in the classrooms are broken, and the windows don't open. In addition, there is a sink in the third floor bathroom that does not drain, and the soap dispensers continually get ruined by students. In the middle washroom in the girls change room, the latch is broken, so the door does not lock. Jackie noticed that the lights on the outside of the school are very dim. The sign at the front of the school was broken. Ceiling fans for classrooms since the school does not have air conditioning. There is no heat on the third floor. In Room 312 and 316 the heat is in the drawers. In the older science rooms a bad smell comes from the sinks.</p>	Kelli Pfeiffer for J. Stieva

<p><u>Data Projector</u> John Stieva bought the data projector for the cafetorium. The Sanctuary contributed 1/3 the cost.</p> <p><u>EQAO results</u> In the literacy test, the literacy results were excellent. Very strong in the HDSB; 86% student reached level 3. In EQAO, the academic level math had improvement in the scores. Our weakness is in applied mathematics. Only 48% reached level 3.</p> <p><u>School effectiveness Plan</u> This will be discussed at the next meeting. The focus for this year is the wellness of the students. The Board has asked the schools to leave the computers on, so the Board can tap into the computers and assess what is needed in the school. The Board is looking to provide new computers to each school, as each school's needs are assessed.</p>	
<p><b>8. Other</b> Simon Khanna asked about security – in the light of the robberies in the West Oak Trails area - during the day on the trails; There has not been any official discussion in the school on that issue. Simon asked if the school could talk to the principal at Pilgrimwood as to what steps the schools are taking.</p>	

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** November 19, 2007