

WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Sept. 17, 2007

Attendees:

Kelly Amos – Chair
John Stieva – Principal
Nicholas Varricchio – Vice Principal
Bonnie Husain – Teacher
Dianne Moseley – Treasurer & Recorder
Tara Seeber – Parent
Kathy Batycky – Secretary
Simon Khana – Parent
Jackie Williams – Past Chair
Brittany Sadkowski – Student PM
Parents - Feeroza Suchak, Paraag Suchak, Darlean Endicott, Susan McIntyre, Saadia Khan, Shabir Mir, Razia Mir, Ashley Farahany, Diane Whitall, Joanne Hoole

Agenda:

1. **Welcome:** Kelly Amos reviewed the role of the School Council and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new school year. Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

2. **Minutes of May 28, 2007.** The minutes of May 28, 2007 were approved with the correction of the spelling of Tara "Seeber"

3. **Student Rep Report:** Brittany Sadkowski, Student PM, reported that there will be a dance on Thursday September 20th and Grade 9 students are encouraged to participate. The council is exploring various fundraising activities such as providing Tim Horton's hot chocolate at home games to also encourage attendance; Ultimate Frisbee may be linked to the Terry Fox week and Lip Sync may be substituted for the former bathtub race. The funds raised may be used to purchase bleachers.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Dianne Moseley presented the year end report for 2006-07 School Council financial statements. There is \$1485.52 available in the chequing account of which \$960.10 is allocated for Parent Involvement (PI). The PI funds must be spent by Sept.30, 2007 or returned to the HDSB. There is a balance of \$2600 in the GIC account.

Dianne reviewed the new Expense Area/Categories for 2007-2008 according to HDSB guidelines.

A) Chequing

INCOME

i) Fundraising

- Donations

ii) Grants

- Parent Involvement

iii) GST income

iv) NonStudent

- Interest and Bank Charges

EXPENSES

v) GST Expense

B)GIC

Parent Involvement: \$500 was approved last term to be pooled with River Oaks PS and Post's Corners PS to fund a speaker on internet safety. A motion was put forward to sponsor the Grade 9 BBQ for \$460.10. This was motioned by Simon Khana and Tara Seeber and the motion was carried.

5. Chair's Report:

A) Fundraising: Kelly presented the **WOSS Calendar** fundraiser for launch in October. It includes a 2008 calendar with pictures from many WOSS clubs and teams as well as a lottery component. The calendars will sell for \$20 each and 3000 will be printed. Potential return for the council is \$30,000. The group approved the calendar with the following possible revisions (if cost for these revisions were reasonable): \$20 should clearly indicate the cost of the calendar; a contact number should be added; draw days may be coloured, multi-faith holidays according to HDSB outline should be added. Discussion ensued regarding possible marketing strategies such as using the Art department for posters, possibly getting prizes donated and draw names of students who sold 10 or more calendars. Dollars raised from the calendars have to be directed to programs that directly impact on the learning of students such as band, music, drama, debate. Funds will support these activities and offset the annual operating cost. This will allow the school to save dollars towards a new auditorium and possibly more smart boards. Brittany suggested that perhaps some of the student's artwork could be used for incentives to help sales.

Action: John Stieva will take this back to the Principal's Advisor Council & Decca Club for input on how to get this initiative to the ground level and market it. Any other suggestions regarding distribution of the calendar can be emailed to Kelly.

Dinner Theater and Silent Auction: John and Kelly have discussed the feasibility of having a Dinner Theater with WOSS students participating in the theatre and the food department would provide the dinner. A silent auction would also be held in combination with this event. It was felt that this should be held in the spring. Saadia Khan volunteered to help with the silent auction.

B) Internet Safety Speaker: Anthony Abdelkarim will speak to parents about "DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE REALLY DOING ON THE INTERNET?" on October 11th @ 7pm at WOSS, South Campus Cafetorium.

C) Awards Ceremony & Commencement: The council has been asked if they will sponsor refreshment for the Award Ceremony and help with clean up following commencement. Kelly asked for volunteers to sell the calendars at commencement and Awards night.

Awards Night on Oct 3rd.

Calendars sales: Kathy Batycky & Susan McIntyre volunteered.

Tara Seeber motioned that \$500 will be given from the council to sponsor refreshments. The motion was carried.

Commencement on Oct 4th

Calendars sales: Kathy Batycky & Kelly Amos

Clean-up: Kathy Batycky volunteered

D) *Weekly Newspaper*: a request for funding support for a weekly school newspaper came forward to Kelly. The council has requested that James Edgar and/or Dale Andrews present this in more detail to the council at a future meeting.

E) *October Council Executive Elections*: Kelly reviewed that the usual term of office was until October of each year. Kelly Amos is prepared to remain as Chair. Kathy Batyck and Dianne Moseley wish to step down from their respective positions as Secretary and Treasure. Elaine Moores has agreed to remain as back-up Secretary. Bonnie Husain and John Monteiro will remain on as teaching staff reps but John will only attend as necessary. The position of Community representative is vacant. Kelly will approach Daniel Neibert to see if he is interested to assume this role.

6. Principal's Report:

Staffing: John Stieva reported that 22 new staff had been hired for September of which 16 staff are new to the profession and 6 are 'seasoned'. There are 2 new VPs for a total of 122 staff. There is still one hire remaining to accommodate class size and the math/Science portfolio. There are 400 Grade 9 students this year.

Initiatives: There is an initiative to begin classes later and allow clinic time for teacher to be together to ensure continuity amongst classes and consistency in student evaluation. The goal is to decrease interruption on classes. The school day would be disrupted for 2 hours versus interdispersed time. The plan will return to PAC for review.

Strategic Plan; was deferred. The Operational Plan is on the board's website. The strategic plan should tie the operational plan into the school improvement plan.

7. Other: Parent Concern: a concern was raised regarding the availability of toilet paper in the washrooms. **Action:** John Stieva will follow-up with Sunshine Cleaners that are the contract cleaners for WOSS.

The meeting adjourned at 2055 hrs.

The **next meeting** will be held on **October 15, 2007**.