

WOSS School Council Meeting
Monday April 21st, 2008
7:00 pm
Minutes

Attendance: Kelly Amos, Chair; John Stieva, principal; Jackie Williams, parent; Kathy Batycky, parent; Brittany Sadkowski, student council representative; Simon Khanna, parent; Daniel Neibert, community rep; Sadia Khan, parent; Dianne Moseley, parent; Bonnie Hussein, teacher representative; Elaine Moores, parent; Tara Seeber, parent

<p>1. Welcome</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p>2. Minutes from Feb. After spelling corrections noted and comments that we should follow up on several items, Brittany moved to pass the Minutes; passed</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>
<p>3. Student Rep Report Last week was the last dance of the year; it was a success. The student council has purchased the bleachers. They are due to arrive this coming Monday, just in turn for rugby season. The current student council is drawing up a handbook for future councils; elections will be next month. They are still working on several issues on positions they wish to have on the council. Last event of the year will be the Carnival. They are trying to find activities that will not be as expensive. Prom is scheduled for June 26th; Michelangelo's banquet hall in Hamilton.</p>	<p>Brittany Sadkowski</p>
<p>4. Treasurer's Report Diane reports that she has completed all necessary documentation to end her role as treasurer. Sadia, who is working in treasurer's role has found communication with the school manager difficult due to her working hours, especially trying to get hold of the banking statements from the school. She did receive a two-page report, which includes list of calendars sold and prizes awarded. She reports that \$3,207.80 was transferred into the new account being held by the school manager on behalf of parent council , plus \$951.25 parent involvement money and the \$350 donation; Out of this \$220 was paid to Life skills and \$150 to the teacher's appreciation luncheon. \$854 that has been paid out is unaccounted for; Sadia will request reconciliation from Pam Cottingham the school manager, and then ascertain for what this money was used, and report to council next meeting.</p>	<p>D. Moseley/S. Khan</p>
<p>5. Chair's Report - Calendar sales We only sold 58 calendars through the blitz through the school; we still have to sell another 200 calendars to break even. Two students sold 5 calendars; they qualify for a prize of throwing a pie. Council has received \$350 for incentives; as the school sales was not successful, council will purchase calendars and if any money is won, will put it back into the calendar amount. On June 14th the Oakville Arts Council will have a display and sale "<i>community art space</i>", based out of WOSS, 10:30 to 6:00. The group is trying to pressure the Town to build a theatre/cultural center, and they are willing to work with WOSS concept for building a theatre. WOSS will keep the profits from a barbeque and beer/wine garden which will be run by Monahan's. Council can sell the calendars during the day. - Parent Involvement Committee meeting The PIC plans to have a seminar in October, to try to help school councils and parents in the community. Council has \$759.25 left for parent involvement. This money will be used \$500 for the cost of the graduation and award nights in the fall and \$250 for the Grade 9 welcome week (and barbeque). Another project that needs funds is the sign at the front of the school. It will cost \$2,700 to repair the current sign; to purchase a digital sign, (8 foot scroll, 12 inch letters), would cost \$17,000 plus taxes. - PARC Recommendations for schools in our area: 2 French Immersion schools, one for Ward 5 (Sunningdale) one for Ward 6 (Munns) and English K – 8 English school would be</p>	<p>K. Amos</p>

<p>Montclair. Parents have complained about Montclair’s open space; other than that they will accept Montclair as the English school. Decision will be made by end of May.</p> <p>- Bill 212 committee (anti-bullying) The committee has had 3 meetings to date. They are planning to put together a policy together on all the processes related to bullying, including prevention and action if bullying occurs.</p> <p>- M&M Fundraiser Council raised \$140.05 in this fundraiser.</p> <p>- Capital Funding Committee In anticipation of the process in the fall, council questions whether we should have a committee to plan for the process. John Stieva said our school’s first request would be a new track, also science lab renovations and north campus kitchen renovations. Kelly will look for the old website for the last process, and send it out to everyone for us to consider what we would like to submit for next fall.</p> <p>- Principal nomination award committee In anticipation of the process, council questions also whether we should have a committee to plan for the process.</p> <p>- school wide issues Kelly received some emails about issues in the school, although not council related: Craig Ferguson has raised the question that there is not enough toilet paper in the girls washrooms</p>	
<p>6. Principal’s Report A student at our school, Andy Brooks has been accepted as the youngest participant in a cross Canada fundraising bike ride from Vancouver to Halifax in 19 days. Our school is hosting a fundraiser to help him called “<i>Inside Ride</i>”. Andy has pledged to raise \$16,000. The group is bringing in 30 stationary bikes. There are so many kids participating that the school has expanded the program to 60 teams. After the ride there are presentations for different awards for the teams e.g. most funding raised; farthest biked etc. Anticipation is that we will raise more than the \$16,000 pledged by Andy. In June, also the group is riding at Sherway Gardens. They have invited the kids to bike from Sherway to Sick Kids hospital. The Barenaked Ladies will give a free concert for the kids who participated.</p> <p>- Field trips New York field trip, May 21 to May 24 Ottawa Music Fest May 15 to May 18</p> <p>- Staffing Staffing is set subject to some teachers applying for work closer to their home Jim Noble, one of our VPs is retiring.</p> <p>- Accomplishments In the Halton Board Skills Olympics; some of the students who won are: TV/media two students Sam Larson and Liam Dinsmore won gold. In Landscaping two students won silver; Hairstyling, Ashley Reid won silver. Adrian Sadler won gold in apparel design. In distance challenge one team won gold and one team won silver. In Sears Drama Festival, the play went to provincials, but did not get to move on to nationals. The arts and crafts show is on Saturday May 3rd. WOSS Culture Fest is scheduled for Thursday May 8th.</p> <p>- Smoking It has been difficult to move student smoking away from the doors. Warnings and suspensions are not working. Change in policy in September will be that there will be no more warnings; automatic suspension instead.</p> <p>-Board Code of Conduct This will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>-Family of Schools budget Monies for painting and renovations.</p> <p>- Mid term report cards are being mailed out. Interview night is May 1st.</p>	<p>J. Stieva</p>