

WOSS School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday November 17 2008

In attendance: Kelly Amos (chair), John Stieva (principal); Claire Ailey (vice pincipal) Abi Ramazankhani and Eliza Ko (student reps); parents: Bonnie Husain (teacher rep), Kathy Batycky, Simon Khanna, Susan McIntyre, Sherry Kirkham, Mary Raike, Jules Reeves

Regrets: Gary Tam (student rep) Jackie Williams, Craig McDonald, Daniel Neibert (Com. Rep); Saadia Khan, Dianne Moseley, Moda El-Kholy, and Uma Kalia-Ito.

Welcome K. Amos

The people who attended the meeting introduced themselves to the group

Minutes from October K. Amos

Motion to approve the minutes passed on consensus

Student Rep Report Abi and Eliza

Student council is planning for December events. There will be a student auction, senior students being auctioned off; They are also requesting for food or clothing to go under the Christmas tree, for charities; there will also be he "no can, no park" scheduled for a date in December.

They are considering giving some of the fundraiser funds towards WOSS students first, before charities. There will be a dance on December 18th. They are also hoping to have spirit days, and possibly selling Santa hats.

Regarding the prom, Eliza said they have decided to have the prom at Liberty Grande. They were disappointed in the boat, and have decided to go for a hall. \$55 per person.

Eliza has the contract for the hall; the prom will be on Wednesday June 24 , on the night before exam return day. The after party will be at Sheridan College, as in previous years.

Student council is thinking of nominating Mr. Bigham for the teacher of the year award. Gary Tam and Ms. Loft will be spearheading this nomination and will be looking for support.

Treasurer's Report S. Kirkham

Treasurer's report was handed out. We currently have \$2,334.72 in the account.

Chair's Report K. Amos

- PIC Conference/Grant

The council members who had gone to the conference thought is was a good conference.

The parent involvement dollars are at the Board offices and will be distributed .

- 2008/2009 Planning

Council will wait until we find out how much money we will receive before deciding how to use the funds.

- Fundraising - Internet/Silent auction was one of the ideas for raising funds for council. We have raptors tickets and have received from Dave Wiliams a parent at the school of a shirt that has gone into space

- Principal nomination award committee – S. Khanna

The nomination has been sent in. We should hear by December 1st if our nomination is going to the second level.

Council will also nominate John for the Outstanding Leader award through the Premiers awards , and also nominate Dave Margetts for the outstanding support staff.

- Reaching out grant -

-Other

New initiative of the Board - a school "elink" program, where all the communications with parents will be paperless

They will be hoping to have pilot projects with about 5 schools, with the hope of having the whole board paperless within 2 years.

The Board is also looking into automatic telephone alerts through telephone. eg. for snow days.

Principal's Report

- School Effectiveness Plan -

John handed out the draft School Effectiveness Plan. He reviewed the literacy initiatives and Clare reviewed the numeracy initiatives.

Council members are to review the plan and bring up any questions/issues in our January meeting.

Capital Renewals

John has again applied for a new (rubberized) track as the first priority, new windows around the school, and a new science lab, The electronic sign is to be installed this week. Last Thursday each teacher got their own laptop.

Bill 81 Health School Nutrition Act

This statute bans transfats from the schools. This means there can be no more bake sales unless the criteria is complied with.

- Accomplishments

Junior boys basketball and girls volleyball both got into the championships.

Field Trips- Debate team is going to University of Western Ontario at the end of the month. In November, Horticultural going to landscaping field trip; One class is going to the ROM; Deca is going to the convention center Some classes are going to Science Center. The futures class is going to Create a Scene at the Living Arts Center.

Music Christmas concert will be on December 9th at the Oakville Center.

Other

The town is reducing it budget for the arts, which might help WOSS chances to build an auditorium.

The Public health nurse has sent a list of the topics that the meetings at Iroquois Ridge each month, in the mornings; Oakville Trafalgar School holds the meetings in the evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Date – January 19th 2009