

WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Attendance: Kelly Amos, Bonnie Husain, Jackie Williams, Sherry Kirkham, Susan McIntyre, Tara Seeber, Claire Ailey, Daniel Neibert and Mary Raike.

Regrets: Kathy Batycky, Simon Khanna.

Welcome by Kelly Amos.

Adoption of Minutes from last meeting passed by Daniel Neibert, seconded by Sherry Kirkham.

STUDENT REP REPORT—Gary Tam absent, so no report available.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Sherry Kirkham

Report handed out but some confusion as to exactly how many \$ are in our account. Total of \$1900 showing in our account but no one seems to know where these funds came from or if in fact, they are actually there. We have been allocated \$500 for the PIC funds but Kelly and Sherry to check reports. Accounting format currently being used is confusing and changing to Landscape format was discussed.

CHAIR'S REPORT—Kelly Amos

PRO Grant Brainstorming

We have been approved to go ahead with a 5-8 min. video outlining WOSS' strengths/expectations/attributes. This video will be provide parents/students with an overview of the opportunities available at WOSS and familiarize them with our positive school environment. This video should NOT be dated so it can be revised/updated for use over the next several years. A brainstorming session was held to ensure that all areas/activities of our school were covered. Kelly has since sent a list of topics discussed in her email of March 3 but I will reiterate them to ensure we did not miss any. These include:

Welcome Week Cat Crew/Variety of courses available, both Tech and Academic/Partnership with Ford, Mattamy Homes and Sheridan College/Robotics/Athletics/Clubs incl. drama, music, debate teams/Queen's Summer Program/Success rates of students/2-semester Math & English in Grd. 9/John Stieva's Award/Literacy & Numeracy above HDSB & Prov./French immersion/More programming than any other school in Halton and Ontario/2 campuses including an attached Library and Pool/IB Program/Wireless environment with every teacher having a laptop/Handicapped Access—accommodating all types of students' needs/73 countries represented in

multicultural student body/ESL/Dance program/9th credit Music/Travel Opportunities/Working with Charities.

There is another project called Video/Picture Voice being produced by feedback from 500 surveys going out to students and teachers (ie: Open Mike) featuring "What's good/bad at WOSS". Perhaps we can use some of this feedback for the PRO project?

Fundraising—Silent Auction

At present, we have one item donated for the Silent Auction and the committee seems to be at a standstill as to how to proceed. We are looking for donations which will appeal to the general school body (they can be big or small as we can group them together with others to create saleable packages). We need to determine what we are fundraising for. What can we do to support the school? We need to have a universal goal to entice bidders to go online and bid on the items we gather. All present felt that we should increase the technology within all classrooms (ie: data projectors/smart boards/etc) Any other ideas would be appreciated.

Speakers

We had a look at the topics available from the Health Nurse sessions and all were in agreement that Mental Health/Cyberbullying/Teen Brain Development/2-part Facebook and Youtube sessions would be of interest to most parents. Sherry to look into and follow-up. Claire to speak to Police Rep as to what is available through Police Services.

PIC is having another conference in mid-April. Kelly to confirm date.

WOSS Lands

There are 10 acres of surplus land around WOSS which the school board is wanting to sell. A further email was sent out since from Kelly explaining this.

2009/10 Calendar

School will commence next fall on Tues. September 1, 2009, which is stirring up some controversy since it is before Labour Day!! The HDSB has approved this calendar.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – C. Ailey

Field Trips—there are lots happening and all is good!!

School Effectiveness Plan—Mr. Redfern has taken the numeracy program to new heights with numeracy clinics being held for all students. The HDSB has hired a coach and Mr. Redfern will go to training and bring back expertise to train here. Our Math scores are better than HDSB and prov. Levels. Letters will go out to advise parents to have students attend these clinics.

Semi-Formal—attended by 250 students who were all very well behaved and had a fantastic time!!

Code of Conduct—being revised using many teachers' input.

Inside Ride—more info to follow in future emails.

Course Selection for 2009/10—All courses were picked last week with the help of assemblies/guidance teachers. You can go online to Student Services to find more info on this.

NEXT MEETING DATE—Monday, April 20, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT—D. Neibert