

## MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2011

Present: Kelly Amos, Mary Binko, Michael Gallant, Sherry Kirkham, Paula Kostas, Ghadu Nafei, Mary Raike, Sharon Stuckless, Lorne Wheeler, and Liz Willis.

Regrets: Susan McIntyre, Chloe Rourke, and John Stieva.

1. **Welcome** by Sherry Kirkham. Introduction of Mrs. Tracy Beck, head of the White Oaks' Awareness & Activism Association, who is attending the meeting to invite all to the "Picnic in the Park" on May 27/11 between 10-10:45 a.m. Tracy spearheaded **Project Oasis**, a 3-yr project to develop an outdoor classroom between the library and the school. Working with the landscaping classes and the Awareness & Activism committee, they have created an open air classroom for use by any of the teachers/students/groups within the school. To use this classroom, you simply sign up. They received \$8000 from 3-4 grants from Halton Environmental and Metro and some donations of plants from local politicians/businesses. They are looking for more donations to fund the beautification of this area. Student Council is donating a Japanese Maple and Tracy asked if Parent School Council would consider a donation to purchase more hostas/other perennials.

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** by Mary Binko.

- a) Celebration BBQ—May 27 in Periods 2,3,4 with Mechanical Bull, Jousting, and a Dunk Tank.
- b) Elections have been held—acclaimed positions.
- c) June 29—Prom-tickets on sale until the end of May. Paula and Lorne to assist with raffle ticket verification.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham.

Grants still to come out/Prom has raised \$200 in raffle tickets/\$350 to go to "Free the Children". This summarizes the financial obligations for the summer.

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham.

- a) **Fundraising/Silent Auction**—last one being held presently/great items up for auction!
- b) **Pro Grant New Application**—has been sent into Board offices for consideration for 2011-12.
- c) **Prom Theme Raffle**—not as successful as anticipated but did raise some \$.
- d) **Boundary Review Committee Report**—3 recommendations have been put forth which will be considered by a Steering Committee who will give direction and make recommendations to trustee. We are losing English students to that area.
- e) **Meeting Dates for Next Year**—a list of meeting dates for next year was handed out. Parent Council meets on the third Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. in the South Campus Staff Room. Dates will be posted on the website as well as below:  
Sept. 19/Oct. 17/Nov. 21/Dec. 19(if required)/Jan. 16/Feb. 27/Apr. 16/May 28/June 18(if required)
- f) **Graduation Pins**—228 on hand/450 students graduating/therefore 222 need to be purchased @ \$1.75 each for a total of \$400. Paula motioned to approve the purchase of the pins up to a maximum of \$500, motion was seconded by Lorne. All agreed but suggested that mention be made in the Grad program that Parent School Council donates the pins.
- g) **Project Oasis**—Lorne motioned to approve \$350 of funding for use by Project Oasis. Motion was seconded by Paula.
- h) **Aldershot**—are discussing a Safe Prom Initiative.
- i) **Input into Budget Priorities**—Board office has sent out an email to all School Chairs that they share with all Council members that they can provide input on 2011-12 budget priorities.

- j) **School Improvement Survey**—just a reminder to go online and complete survey.
- k) **People for Education Survey**—parents are encouraged to complete this as well.

5. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** by Michael Gallant, Vice Principal.

a) **Sports and Special Events Update:**

Public Speaking in April placed first/second/4 way tie for third.

Mental Health Week for Teenagers in May-workshops being held.

Culturefest was held May 5—tons of food.

Inside Ride was a huge success with 72 teams raising \$37,000 for a total of \$102,000 over 4 yrs.

Debate Team did well receiving 86 from a prestigious judge.

Band Trip ongoing in B.C. as we gather for this meeting.

Outdoor Ed. Held at Kelso.

Cat Crew in Brebeuf.

Officer Foster at school for Ride 101/experimenting with students and drunk goggles.

Rugby Jr. Team in final on Wed.

b) **Student Success Policy**—In Sept., we plan to explain “Growing for Success”/working in stages/lots of work to be done to finalize/policy leaves a lot to be desired/anxious about parent reactions to lower marks/Info. night planned for parents the 3-4<sup>th</sup> wk of Sept/policy on the web for more information.

6. **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** by Liz Willis.

Process from the Criminal Justice system used at Aldershot last year/alternative for suspensions/lengthy process as everyone has to be interviewed/have those wronged face those who have been the perpetrators. More info to follow.

7. **OTHER**

**TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS** by Kelly Amos.

a) New Theatre—no fundraiser hired as of yet. No obligation for Council at the moment.

b) Start Times--Motion discussed to have start times changed/has to be dealt with at school level.

c) Strategy Plan—4-5 year plan for the Board.

d) Student Excellence Awards—chosen last week.

e) Sunningdale 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary--held May 7.

f) Budget Deadline—May 26/Board focusing on it at present time.

**COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS MEETING**—Jeff Blackwell spoke/next mtg in October.

**Next Meeting to be held on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 7p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Lorne Wheeler/seconded by Paula.