

Woodroffe High School
School Council meeting – June 1, 2010
Approved meeting minutes

Attendance: Don Eberley, Lisa Rondeau, Brenda Snarr, Caroline da Silva, Anne MacDonald, Nora Elmi, Karen Cairns, Kathy Nelson, Colin Daniel, Alison Forestell, Geneva Forestell, Peggy Hartwick Brenda Joe-Packman, Christine King, Christy Stanhope, Ian Eskritt, Terry Duncan, Lyn Addison, Renald Cousineau, Jaden Lairson, Brent Taylor, Cassandra Douglas

Welcome & Introductions

Don Eberley welcomed all in attendance. Roundtable introductions were made.

Review of the Agenda

Items: SSC and SEAC were scratched from the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

Review of the May Meeting Minutes

Under the Principal's Report, correction to the spelling of Nelly Oseke's name. Under New Business, the replacement of the term "grant" with "opportunity" by way of describing what is being offered by Lisa Rondeau's place of employment for an artistic theme.

Students' Report

Nora Elmi and Geneva Forestell reported on the following:

- 2nd International Pot-luck was a success with more prizes awarded.
- The General Learning Program Fun Day had lots of volunteers staffing 22 stations held in the school's back fields.
- Cameron Curry & Alana Fermit are the elected Co-Presidents of Student Council 2010-11.
- A time capsule was created that included among other things: a scrapbook of the school's major events, mittens from the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, and a DVD of the film Avatar.
- The Athletic Banquet honouring this year's athletic accomplishments was held in the cafeteria.
- Geneva received an award for leadership from the school board – see page 36:
www.ocdsb.ca/Documents/misc/student_recog_2010_web.pdf

School Council thanked Nora and Geneva for their contributions throughout the year and wished them success in their exams and future academic endeavours.

Treasurer's Report and Staff Funding Needs:

Brenda Snarr presented a financial statement noting an available balance of \$7,635 as of May 31, 2010. Teachers presented funding requests totally \$9,300. It was decided by Council to set aside \$2,000 of the available Council funds (\$7,164 to date from the auction) for the upcoming school year and fund the following immediately:

Library books	\$1,500
Model UN	\$500
Safety goggles	donated
Microscopes	\$450
Musical instrument repairs	\$500
Amplifier	\$500
Visual arts murals	\$400
Visual arts studio lighting	\$500

General Learning Program	\$635
GLP Samsung camera	donated
Cappies registration fee	\$200
T-crew	\$500
Total	\$5,685

Some requests did not specify if tax was included or not which raised questions as to whether or not the school is exempt from the new provincial Harmonized Sales Tax.

Action: Renald Cousineau to find out what taxes apply to items purchased for the school.

Principal's Report

- Staffing: Renald Cousineau reported that two new teachers were hired. Education Assistant support allocation has been reduced for next year from 6.5 to 6.0. Vice-Principals Richard King is leaving to work at Ridgemont High School next year and Faye Wooley will be going to Vincent Massey High School.
- 50th Reunion: A roaring success with a strong sense of community and belonging.
- Awards: Brian Schmidt received the 2010 Capital Educators' Award (see: www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/au_edugala_nominees.asp)
- Safety: Last "lock down" safety practice was held today with no major concerns.
- Own the Change: WHS and the Ottawa Public Health have applied for and received \$4,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada to implement a program to reduce reliance on bottled water. The money will be applied to improving the school's water fountains and to supply all Grade 9 students with a stainless steel water bottle.

Teacher's Report

Cassandra Douglas reported on the following:

- Students reported their appreciation of being included in the 50th Reunion festivities
- Skye Oldham's flag designed for the event was raised on the school's flag pole.
- Dance performance was a success
- In gearing up for exams, there are no more field trips
- June 4 – date for English Language Learners Awards
- June 10 – school band outdoor concert and bbq on the school side lawn

Woodroffe's 50th Reunion

Brenda Joe-Packman noted the outstanding cooperation from the students. She also expressed the incredible effort the custodial and care staff provided throughout the event. Overall it was a well-organized and well attended event with lots of positive feedback.

Other business

- Fundraising opportunity from Carlingwood Shopping Mall with up to 20% of the value of the gift cards sold, directed to the school
- Reaching Out grant deadline June 11, 2010

Ajournment

Next meeting – September 23 in the school auditorium following curriculum evening activities.

