

Sir William Mulock Secondary School
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School Council Meeting,
April 4, 2006
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Mission Statement

*“To enable every student to strive for personal excellence,
to make a contribution to his/her community and to acquire the skills
and attitudes that will prepare him/her for life-long learning in a global society.”*

Present:

Jane Holler Co-Chairperson, Ingeborg Bell Treasurer, Sue Johnston Secretary,

Administration/Staff:

Joe Ravesi Principal

David McAdam Vice Principal

Clarke Edward Head of Computer Studies – Teacher Representative

Julia Armstrong History Teacher

Student:

Alicia Minard

Welcome from Chair

Intro from Jane.

The minutes from the last meeting were discussed briefly.

Comments on the synervoice system were requested for feedback for administration.

Vice Principal’s Report:

Following up on the above, David stated that with the larger population of the school it will not be possible to report both lates and absences on the synervoice system. This was discussed later in the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

The balance is \$1514.65, no changes from last month.

Fundraising

Mother’s Day Flowers Fundraising: order forms to go out April 19 with report cards. They are due back April 28. The orders will be at the school on May 10. After some discussion it was decided to include a blurb in the upcoming school bulletin which Ingeborg would draft. Carol will provide Clarke with information for website.

Character Education Program

Julia Armstrong reported some very exciting news. Stephen Lewis is coming to speak at Mulock SS on Friday May 5, 9:30 – 11:00. She spoke of a new renaissance among young people to contribute to their community and to the larger world community. When Julia heard Stephen Lewis speak at the Quest Conference she felt strongly that the

students at Mulock deserved to hear him also. Mr. Lewis did agree to come and will speak in the gym in a student centered assembly, offering 30 minutes for a question period after his talk. All 996 students will be in the gym requiring the rental of a sound system, similar to that used at graduation. The sound system costs \$605 and school council offered to contribute \$300 to the cost. Discussion around the amount to be given included the fact that \$1000 was normally given for graduation night.

Science Department

Mike Vlachopoulos, head of the Science Department, gave a power point presentation about the programs offered at Mulock in Science. Included in the talk: our very capable staff, top quality equipment, course pathways with possibilities including AP courses, Science Olympics, Science contests, ABLE (video conferencing technology to link schools), student trips, professional development at STAO conference and student teacher mentoring.

Student Report

Alicia focused on the theme of Forgiveness this month in a reading.

The talent show was successful with 165 students attending; number slightly down from previous year attendance of over 200.

The theme for Prom is "It's Amore". Decorations are being worked on for venue of Carrying Place.

The Rookie Dance is May 11- grade 8 students join Mulock students for a fun evening. Encourage participation!

The 30 Hour Famine is April 21/22 with a sleepover at the school that evening for the top 75 fundraisers. Students will receive 10 community service hours for participating in the famine.

Fundraising is planned for Stephen Lewis' visit as the students wish to present him with a cheque. Wristbands are \$2, bake sale and red ribbons for AIDS.

Vice Principals Report, cont.

First anniversary for Joe Ravesi at Mulock (appreciative clapping!)

Grad assembly was held April 4 with grad quotes discussed and valedictorian.

Administration is looking forward to school council for support of graduation.

Parking at the front of the school was discussed, emergency route must be clear. Signage will be brought up to par. Kiss 'n Ride sign was suggested, yellow lines with x's painted on the pavement.

On April 5 a meeting between elementary and secondary school teachers to support transition planning and goal setting will be held at Mulock.

Referring to an article in the Era Banner to address a more holistic approach to the high school experience, David offered that staff is aware of needs of the whole student and is working toward raising consciousness in this area.

Email addresses – some who have given their addresses don't receive messages. Please phone the school and give email address to Jenny in the office.

Phone system overload: Discussion of the reporting of both lates and absences on the synervice system. The group was generally in favour of having both. Joe suggested that we pay for more phone lines to accommodate increased numbers.

Teacher Representative:

Clarke explained that the Phys. Ed. Department would like to have a picture of Terry Fox in the school. The picture is \$550 framed and they have raised \$300 toward it. School Council offered the funds which are in their school council donations file.

Clarke introduced “clickers” for data collection and offered to demonstrate them to council after the meeting.

Jane closed the meeting.

Our next meeting is May 9, 2006 at 7pm.