

Sir William Mulock Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 7:00-8:35 p.m.

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."

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Minutes

There was no business held over from the February 6, 2007 meeting.

3. Special Presentations

a) Denis Heng, an epidemiologist with York Region Health Services, gave a presentation on a sentinel program. When our students are absent from school, we are asked to report the reason as either breathing related, stomach related, or "other". Information from these reports is sent to Mr. Heng by the attendance secretary. He charts the data and is then able to track trends, such as a flu outbreak, in our community. The ultimate goal of the program is to implement prevention strategies and to deploy treatment resources.

b) Norm Pfenning reported on the First Aid training of several teachers and requested funding for a defibrillator for the school. The cost is \$1800. The athletic council has agreed to contribute \$1000. and the administration will contribute \$400. plus the cost of the storage box. Several other stakeholders in the school are also being asked to contribute.

4. Treasurer's Report –Ingeborg Bell

No new expenses have been incurred. Our current total is \$1963.49

5. Administrators' Reports

David McAdam

- a) The administration of the grade 10 EQAO literacy test went smoothly.
- b) An assembly was held for the 214 students who will to be graduating June 28. Expectations were outlined by the administration.
- c) Mid-term reports will be available April 24.
- d) Parents' Night will be April 26. Sign-up sheets will go home April 18.
- e) The administration is working to decrease the number of student absences.

Joe Ravesi

- f) Mr. Ravesi presented a request for assistance with the cost of busing the Dutch exchange students and their hosts to Niagara Falls and Toronto.
- g) The Night of a Thousand Dinners was cancelled due to low ticket sales.
- h) Four Smart Boards and two LCD projectors have been purchased for the school.
- i) Sir William Mulock will be the site of the Board's Technology fair on May 2.
- j) There are only 49 school days left before exams!

6. Student Report – Dana Smith

- a) The production of the musical Oliver will take place April 19, 20, 21. Tickets are \$8. for students, teachers and children and \$10 for adults.
- b) Dana outlined a problem with the stage lights and requested funding to replace some bulbs before the production of Oliver.

- c) Dana put forward a request to fund the dinners for the 6 teachers who will supervise the prom. This request was denied.
- d) Athletics: the badminton team will play its first tournament tomorrow.
The school's rugby teams have been cancelled.
A boys' baseball team has been started.

7. Chair Report – Peggy Ingram

What They Don't Know Can Hurt Them: A Parents' Guide to Internet Safety

The guest speaker for the internet safety evening will be Marina Orlovski from the York Regional Police. Parents of elementary and high school students in Newmarket as well as members of the community are invited to attend the presentations on May 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided.

8. New Business/Questions

- a) When is the school library open?

It is open from 8:15 to 3:30, including lunch time.

- b) How can a parent email a teacher?

The same format is used for all teachers: firstname.lastname@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

eg. joseph.ravesi@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

9. Allocation of Funds

The council agreed that we would donate the following amounts:

Graduation	\$1000.
Stage light bulbs	\$250.
Defibrillator	\$250.
Exchange bus trip	\$250.

Attendance

Peggy Ingram, Ingeborg Bell, Cathy Price, Marilyn McClelland, Adele Proulx, Jean Wilhelm, Michelle Madden, April Franklin, Dana Smith, Raju Sharma, Denis Heng, Louise Rose, Fadi Boutanos, Deb Pope, Joseph Ravesi, David McAdam

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the library