

Sir William Mulock Secondary School

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School Council Meeting
Tuesday November 22, 2005
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:

Peggy Ingram Chairperson, Ingeborg Bell Treasurer, Jane Holler Chairperson, Kim Dandridge, Patricia Pollock, Cathy Price, Sue Johnston Secretary, April Franklin, Verna Elliot, Sandy Michaud, Louise Rose, Frances Parker

Administration/Staff:

Joe Ravesi Principal
David McAdam Vice Principal
Catherine Casey Vice Principal
Clarke Edward Head of Computer Studies – Teacher Representative

Student:

Alicia Minard

Welcome from Chair

Peggy Ingram welcomed school council as incoming Chairperson.

Treasurer’s Report

New balance 886.13

Student Report

Items from student council:

“Halloween Trick or Eat” Drive brought in a whole trunk of canned goods by covering 3 blocks in Mulock neighbourhood!

8 – 10 boxes of books collected were sent to Thunder Eagle School.

Semi formal coming up, over 220 students are going.

Night of 1000 Dinners coming up on November 24 with attendance of about 100 replies.

All proceeds go to the Canadian Landmine Foundation.

Wristbands: 600 ordered in yellow and black to be sold for \$2 each, with possible sales of \$1200. Proceeds to Stephen Lewis Foundation.

World Vision envelopes at Christmas will go to classrooms for donations. With the funds collected School Council will buy supplies for World Vision.

Great work School Council!

Parental Support of Character in the home through:

Modeling

Praising

Teaching
Recognizing
Correcting

Fundraising

Poinsettias order forms looked great and wonderful to be included with reports.

Deadline is November 25. Hoping for a good response.

Alicia to make announcement about orders this week.

Order was sent out by itself and did not include the request for flat monetary donation.

This will be revisited in February.

Report cards will go out early February. Council was polled about whether or not the flat donation is a positive step. In general the group thought that the flat donation is good idea and the response was in favor of including donation request in February.

Mr. McAdam: Our school is trying to be proactive about the challenges with grade nines and tens. A speaker is coming in to address the students, a sports personality who was a victim of substance and sexual abuse on December 7 at 1:30 pm.

For the Grade 9/10 assembly a motion was put forward to give \$100 toward an honorarium, part of \$250 to be split.

Principal's Report

Mr. Ravesi:

Art class nude model was decided against, could be revisited.

Administration is working toward a regional focus in math science and technology for SWMSS. Planned pairing with the universities. A special certificate could be mapped out and could give students an in with the universities.

Individual students will have the chance to go for Advanced Student credits. AP Covers the Ontario curriculum and then some, fees are absorbed by the individual student, SWMSS to pick up the textbook cost.

Newsletter with reports, what was the opinion?

One parent said it was a great connector with school spirit and gave the idea that this is one big family! Board wants schools to reach out to parents more this year.

Quest Conference suggested more communication.

Mandatory boxes on student forms for email addresses– not a good idea as could get bogus addresses. Attempt to find a way to obtain all parents' emails discussed.

The winning cover for the YRDSB Regional Course Directory for all grade 8 students was designed by David Ballantyne, a grade 11 student in Stan Dankey's Communciation Tech class.

Quest Conference:

4 students, 12 teachers and 3 parents attended over the three days.

Joyce Epstein was Keynote Speaker and is a primary force behind school councils.
Other Speakers: Armand LaBarge, Susan Hess, Marc Kielburger
Case Study Format excellent.

Pilot project for SWMSS students to get community hours, partnered with Huron Heights. Searched out students with 0 hours. 7 students will participate.

New boys' hockey team started, girls hockey team is 2 years old.

Smart board was purchased.

VPs and Guidance Department following up with students who are failing courses.
Response forms need to be returned.

Exam schedule will be out before Christmas

Please let administration know if there are any conflicts.

No school Friday December 2.

Mulock idol – November 29 – buyout \$3.

Last year's yearbook to be out before Christmas. They are working hard to get it out.

Mr. McAdam represented the school at School Council North.

One theme discussed was that the most successful parenting seems to be when parents are volunteering with the school.

School profile – updated and will be online.

Semi formal is Dec 1.

Photos – Many parents commented about the high cost of the photos last year

Dec 5 is Mulock's 5th birthday.

Students can use debit card and there is a 50 cent fee for each purchase in the cafeteria.

Council was polled as to whether this was suitable. The question was asked as to whether there is a notice that a charge will be levied? Mr. Ravesi replied that a sign will be posted by the debit machine.

Question Book: Ipods allowed in class – what is a parent to do?

Reply: up to the individual teacher, for some students it is good for their learning style

Cell phones are not allowed

Newmarket Citizen's Band have been practicing here and publicly thanked the school for the use of the space.

Meeting ended with Jane's heartwarming story.

Next Meeting: February 7th, 2006

