

Sir William Mulock Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2006 7:00-8:25 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

Minutes for September 12, 2006 were approved.

- Update: We have 1 table for the table tennis club and still need another.
- Update: re Bus 57A route—YRT has been contacted with concerns about stop location and pickup time at the end of the school day. The new time is 2:55. The new location will be the northwest corner of Sawmill Valley and Columbus but is not yet in effect. Those interested can comment at www.yorkregiontransit.com.
- Update: the concern about the split geography class has been addressed.

3. Treasurer's Report –Ingeborg Bell

Balance forward	\$727.68
Profit from agendas	\$1600.00
New total	\$2327.68

4. Student Report – Dana Smith

- a) Grade 12's won the Thanksgiving food drive contest. The Newmarket food bank received 225 cans.
- b) This year's prom will be held May 25. The theme will be "Big Lights, Big City".
- c) Charities supported by the school this year will be Yellow Brick House, World Vision and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- d) Student Council is planning a spirit day in November featuring a basketball game- - police vs. student council and a pumpkin pie eating contest.
- e) The grade 9 day at Green Acres was a great success.
- f) The Environment Club will be posting anti-idling signs on school property.

5. Chair Report – Administrative Profile

School Council has been asked to provide a list of desired qualities in our administrative team. This list will be used by the Board in future administrative placements at the school. Council attendees have been asked to think about these qualities and we will compile this list at next month's meeting.

Some suggested administrator qualities to consider are:

- Focus and support for continuously improving student learning and achievement
- Interpersonal (e.g. Conflict Management, Community)
- Legal (e.g. Safe School Policy)
- Operational (e.g. Code of Conduct)
- Theoretical (e.g. Mission/Vision/Goals)
- Leadership that is collaborative, collegial and cooperative
- Understand the importance of informed decision making
- Cross-curriculum Integration of Information Technology to support student achievement.

7. Administrative Reports and Updates – Joe Ravesi

- a) A new 3000 lumen projector has been set up in the library. It has the capacity to project images from cable television, internet, DVD, computer.... Another is planned for the cafeteria and eventually for each computer lab.
- b) Nine students will go on exchange to the Netherlands in February. The Dutch students will come here in March.
- c) The welcome-back dance was a success despite technical difficulties. The finish time of 11:00 was unusual and will be 10:30 in future.
- d) Discipline -- Mr. Ravesi was pleased to report that there have been no expulsions and few suspensions to date.
- e) Bullying prevention presentations were recently made to the grade 9 and 10 students by Mrs. Womback and to the grade 11 and 12 students by Mr. Ravesi. Mulock students have decided to make their own video on the topic.
- f) Interim reports went home Oct. 13. Not all high schools provide interim reports and there was some discussion about continuing the practice.

Catherine Casey

- g) Grade 10's completed a practice literacy test this week. The tests were marked by volunteer teachers and results will go to the students and parents. Teachers hope to identify students who need support to succeed in this test.
- h) Take Our Kids to Work for all grade 9's will be Wednesday, November 1. Forms are due.

David McAdam

- i) October 27 will be a Professional Activity Day.
- j) Mr. McAdam handed out the Parent's Smoke-Free Ontario Act Information Sheet, which outlines the law and fines for individuals and retailers.
- k) Recent school improvements are aimed at giving the school a more welcoming feeling. There are two new display cases for student work. Honor roll recognition will now include students from all grades. Six benches made from recycled materials will be purchased for the hallways at a cost of \$320.00 each. The money will come from the administrative budget, school council and student council funds.

8. SWMSS Assessment and Evaluation Policy

This item will be held over until the November meeting.

9. Results of Grade 9 EQAO Math Test, 2005/6 –Donna Green

Grade nines did extremely well—97% of applied and 100% of academic students who wrote passed the test. Of those, 48% of applied and 83% of academic students scored 70% or higher. This was the best year for math test results in the school's history, with scores better than the Board and Provincial averages. Bravo to last year's grade 9 students and their math teachers!

The results will be used to identify strategies to further improve the scores. These include:

- analyzing timetabling;

- professional development;
- networking with other schools;
- writing practice tests;
- counting part of the EQAO in the student's mark and;
- holding the applied level exam before the EQAO test.

Anyone interested can consult www.eqao.com for more information.

10. New Business/Questions

- a) Sandy Michaud asked how fan support could be improved at school sporting events. Ideas included a pep rally and cheerleading.
- b) Kim Dandridge asked about flipping the timetable so students who played sports wouldn't always miss the same class last period. The administrators explained that the timetable is best kept fixed in the interest of linked programs like Co-op and for students who have attendance issues.
- c) Bill Milroy questioned the amount of garbage in the halls in the afternoon. There was some discussion around respect for the school and the ongoing attempt to emphasize personal responsibility.

Attendance

Peggy Ingram, Ingeborg Bell, Kim Dandridge, Anna Cook, Cathy Price, Verna Elliott, Joan Milroy, Sandy Michaud, John Spagnuolo, Frances Parker, Marilyn McClelland, Nicole Morse, Adina Damian, Jean Wilhelm, Bill Milroy, Teresa Liedtke

Student: Dana Smith

Teacher: Clarke Edward

Administration : Joseph Ravesi, Catherine Casey, David McAdam

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the library