

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 2009 / 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Library

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."*

Attendees: Peggy Ingram (Chair), Joe Ravesi (Principal), Brian MacIsaac (Vice-Principal), Maureen Weaver (Vice-Principal), Raju Sharma (Teacher Representative), Cathy Price, Sandy Michaud, Kim Dandridge, Noosheen Richardson, Melanie & Rodney Leeson, Heather & Glen Moffatt, Pauline McCarthy, Heidi Mokfi, Janell Speers, Heather Ford, Bitu Zarghami, Mary Wong.

Peggy welcomed everyone to the first school council meeting of the year and shared a great quote, **"If you become ENGAGED and INVOLVED in your student's learning this will lead to SUCCESS"**

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Joe reported on the Holland Exchange that has been happening every year. It will be taking place with students coming here from Holland the second week of February and our students going there from March 4 – 11. Excellent opportunity for students.
- Soaring to Excellence Breakfast – October 2nd, recognizing last year achievements.
- September 24th – Terry Fox Run/Walk being held from the school. In the past there has been problems having students return to school so they are requesting a \$10 donation and after the walk there will be a BBQ.
- October 8 – 11 there will be people visiting the school from Australia to see what/how things are done here.
- September 29th Mulock will receive a Silver Medal Recognition Award as an ECO School. This is based on a point system on how environmentally friendly schools are. Mulock is now working towards gold (e.g. terminals off, blue boxes, lights, etc.)
- 235 Grade9 students attending Green Acres Camp with 50 senior students and 12 teachers. Great for them to meet others, bond and participate in various games and activities.
- School became wireless over the summer. Now have 12 LCD Projectors in classes and 8 smart boards. Each teacher has been given a refurbished laptop. Over the next 5 years all students will be required to have laptops for school. Will be a "blended" learning project as some subjects will not be using them every day.
- First School Council Forum being held at Newmarket High on October 28th 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. There are various workshops for parents to attend and question & answer period at the end. Dinner is provided. Trustees and senior administrators are in attendance. **More details to follow at next council meeting.**
- Calendars now refer to PT Days (Professional Training).
- School now at 1260 students - largest Grade 9 class to date.
- Safe School Assemblies were held for entire school.
- H1N1 Policies are being updated regularly to make sure that all are aware. School is not allowed to announce individual cases in the school.

At this point introductions were made and everyone was asked how their child(ren) did the first week of school.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

No representative has been assigned but they are busy organizing the Welcome Back Dance on October 1st and are looking into a long-term project to work towards. Student Council representative will be at our next meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

Peggy advised that she is interested in having someone co-chair with her this year as this is her last year and next year she plans on staying on as the Community Rep. There are six meetings to Chair

and then any other voluntary activities that you wish to participate in. (Rodney Leeson will talk to Peggy about this position).

Melanie Leeson volunteered to be Treasurer. Janell Speers volunteered to be Secretary. THANK YOU TO ALL.

Peggy proposed that we continue with the Poinsettia fundraiser through Bradford Nurseries again this year. This involves very little commitment and we usually bring in close to \$1,000 in profits which we use to help out various requests we receive from departments/clubs/teams, etc. No objections were voiced. **This will be discussed further at the next meeting.**

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

1) Would it be possible for school clubs to be available in detailed handout or website?

Team sports are listed on Bulletin Board outside Phys.Ed. office; music clubs available through music classes. Staff did voice concern about the carousel format that was done this year so another way will be tried next year. Clubs are on the website (Students' Corner) and Mr. MacIsaac will look into preparing a complete list in chart form. Any problems with conflicting sports teams/clubs can be discussed with coach/teacher as some teams only go for a couple weeks.

2) Why were there so many scheduling problems this year?

There were 1195 students staffed for but numbers went way over. They have had to add 9 classes (two computer pods taken over for classrooms). Two new staff members were hired and other part-time staff went to full-time. Problems were solved very quickly and new timetables distributed.

3) Why are meetings on Monday?

Peggy consented to changing meeting night as Administration are already at the school for Staff meeting on Monday and then stay for Council.

4) Why are the clocks 5 minutes fast?

Blame it on Batteries.

5) When can students start collecting community service hours?

Guidance department have the forms. Once they have started Grade 9 (not summer before). If in doubt Guidance has pre-forms to have your task approved before performing. Mrs. Avery will be around handing out forms.

6) Can you change lockers?

Lockers were assigned alphabetically to help decrease social problems. There are no empty lockers.

Council is hoping to have speakers attend future meetings (possibilities Crime Stopper Investigation Officer, Street Beat Officer, Digital Literacy Speaker).

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

DATES AT A GLANCE

Sept. 16 - Camp Green Acres (Grade 9)
Sept. 18 - Picture Day
Sept. 24 - Terry Fox Run / BBQ
Sept. 25 - P.T. Day
Sept. 25 - University Fair at Metro Centre
Oct. 1 - Welcome Back Dance
Oct. 1 - University Info Night - Aurora

Oct. 2 - Soaring To Excellence Breakfast
Oct. 16 - Interim Report Cards Distributed
Oct. 21 - Post Secondary Fair at Denison
Oct. 22 - Parent/Teacher Interview
Oct. 27 - College Fair at Exhibition Place
Oct. 29 - Photo Retake Day

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009, LIBRARY 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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