

Southwood Secondary School

School Council Meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2009

In Attendance: MK Hagedorn, Jen B-Brown, Haleh Mahmoodi, Ramona Vejdani, Carolyn Conyard, Dave Rose, Mark Jackson, Brooke Burnet, Cathy Campbell

Call to Order: 7:05PM

Report from Chair:

- MK read minutes from SSSC meeting in Sept 2009.
- Mark Jackson indicated he would type the minutes if someone else took them at the meeting, Jen B-Brown scribed at this time.
- Minutes Approved by Dave Rose.

NEW items:

- Newsletter – PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION – Making connection workshops
- 33% of Ontario students have not achieved credits in grade 9 & 10 according to the People For Education Newsletter
- Parent Teacher Interview night – went well.
 - ◆ Cathy –Thanked teachers for attending, for their dedication & staying late
 - ◆ In talking to parents parents felt it was nice that teachers took time needed to discuss their concerns
- WRPSC
 - Carolyn said that she could not attend all mtgs. but would be willing to share the responsibility with someone

Report from SAC – BROOKE BURNET

- Spirit Day- successful
 - Pep Rally was lots of fun and strong school spirit was evident
 - Three hundred students attended the football game.
 - Students enjoyed the BBQ at lunch
 - Demolishing a car decorated in St. Mary's colours was fun.

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- Photo Retake – OCT 26th Monday

Every student must have a photo taken for student records (regardless of whether or not they buy a package)

- Halloween week has daily activities

Next week- Monday- Mummy day- wrap up people in toilet paper (Cathy volunteered)

Tuesday – Haunted house – no charge – involvement wanted

Wednesday- Pumpkin Carving – bring your own pumpkin

Thursday – Dance - \$6 advance, \$7 at the door (hold a student card)

Friday- Wear costume to school

- Note that volunteer positions have been filled.

Appears to an excellent turn out for SAC this year approx.,60-65 members coming out and the # appears to increasing not falling off.

- Food Drive is postponed to December- Christmas food drive which might be tied to the semi- formal, eg. Discount offer with donation
- Dec 9th at Waterloo Rec Center,
- Day before might be a silent auction held in the cafeteria
- Auction ideas – to be decided- dinner and a movie included

November 12th – COFFEE HOUSE –

- This year proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer Society
- Auditions starting Thursday/Friday and running into next week.

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Report from Principal – Cathy Campbell

- Circulated commencement program
- This Friday at 7:30 pm at Conestoga College, approx 600 people attend
- Commencement Committee is chaired by Monica Hartman, a teacher, and Ruth Findling, the Office Supervisor
- This year there will be a reception overseen by our Head of Family Studies, Joanne Martin

Mayor Doug Craig is bringing greetings from the City of Cambridge

Southwood's Superintendent of Education – Diane DeCoene is attending

Trustee – Andrea Mitchell will bring greetings from the WRDSB Board of Trustees

- Plus lots of other community presenters
- Note: Need of some sponsors for scholarships & bursaries

Seeking more donors

- OCA – Ontario Comprehension Assessment was written by all Grade 9's
 - Data is currently being inputted
 - Feeder school (s) will be given the results
- SSS has grade 6 and grade 8 results for our students in electronic format
- Facility – parking lot to be completed

OTHER BUSINESS

- BARRDAY AWARDS For Teaching Excellence are presented to 10 Cambridge teachers..

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2 of the recipients this year are from SOUTHWOOD-- both in the Geography department

- Christopher Giesler
- Jason Bracey

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm