



BRDHS School Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 - 6:30 pm

Attendees: Kathleen Westlake, Bill Toews, Cindy Deslippe, Denise St. Louis, Gerry Westlake, Imran Malik, Terry Lyons, Allyson McKrow, Julie Malone, Sharon Haskell, Taryn Azzopardi, Jean Camlis, Patti Morrison, Matt Sanders, Nadine Ubene, Jasmine Malik, Kyle Pearce, Lori DeLorenzo

Regrets: Jan Wright, Judy DeBortoli, Laurie Lutzmann

Call to Order: Bill Toews called the Elections Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Elections: As there was only 1 nomination for each of the positions of the Council, the following people were acclaimed:

Chair:	Kathleen Westlake
Vice-Chair:	Imran Malik
Secretary:	Lori DeLorenzo
Treasurer:	Jean Camlis

Call to Order:

- Kathleen Westlake called the General Committee Meeting to order at 6:43 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- On a motion put forward by Denise St. Louis, seconded by Allyson McKrow, the minutes of the June 9, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Student Report (Taryn Azzopardi):

- Grade 9 Orientation went very well
- There was a great turn out for the blood drive.
- The Terry Fox run is scheduled for Thurs. Sept 23rd. There will be t-shirts for sale at \$8. Toonies will be collected as well as pledges, which is new this year.

The Chair's Report was deferred to later in the meeting to allow for the presentation by Terry Lyons, Superintendent of the Accommodations at the Greater Essex County District School Board.

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Terry Lyons Presentation:

- Funding for the new high school was received which resulted in boundary changes within the BRDHS district. All students from AV Graham Public School will go to the new high school scheduled to open in Sept 2011 starting with grade 9.
- Some parents at the council meeting raised concerns about the affect of being the first group of students to attend the school such as reduced extracurricular activities, as well as the potential for having siblings at different schools.
- It was noted that parents do have the option to send their kids to another high school but they would be responsible for transportation.
- They expect approx. 224 grade 9 students the first year and on the positive side – they will be the first graduating class of the new school and will be able to pick their school colours, logo, etc. Also, as part of the criteria for the search for new teachers, they will be looking for those teachers who are willing to actively participate in extracurricular activities.
- The building is a single level which is easier to build and therefore, easier to keep the construction schedule on time, however, the school may not be fully functioning until Jan. 2012.
- Mr. Lyons noted that all students currently enrolled at BRDHS will remain at this school.
- A suggestion was put forward on behalf of Jan Wright to name the school the “Terry Fox High School”. Mr. Lyons stated that all name suggestions are to be forwarded for consideration to Melissa Leboeuf at the school board office.

Teacher’s Report (Kyle Pearce):

- Bingos will be held this year to raise funds for the school for things such as the activity bus, etc. The bingos are held at Classic Bingo at Manning & EC Row. Times for the bingos vary and are held on Fridays/Saturdays and Sundays. They are hoping to have 6-7 bingos this year. Volunteers are needed to assist – a question was raised as to whether students can assist with bingos – Mr. Pearce stated that students 16 and over can volunteer but they must keep the majority of volunteers as adults.
- Nadine Udene voiced a concern about the overcrowding on the activity bus, stating that some children are sitting in the aisles. **Mr. Toews will contact Stevenson’s Bus Lines on this issue.**
- The school has run its own Café for 15 years but due to low revenues and new nutritional requirements, an outside vendor (Chartwell) has been hired to run the Café. The school will continue to stock the vending machines.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Nevada Account: \$ 11,482.07
- A request for an explanation of the Nevada tickets was made and Kathleen explained that when people purchase Nevada tickets through the Cooper Court a percentage goes to the school. Unfortunately, the Cooper Court is for sale so we may need to see if anyone else is willing to do this for us. Emily Duchene will continue to be involved in this.
- Fundraiser Account: \$2,800.00
- SAC will be looking for funding needs this year such as Teacher’s wish lists, etc.

Principal's Report (see attached handout):

- Matt Sanders, the new Vice Principal was introduced and welcomed by SAC.
- Progress Reports: Grade 9 progress reports go out on September 28th.
- EQAO Testing: we received the highest marks in math in our history. BRDHS has a very good staff as well as equipment, such as smart boards.
- School Efficiency Framework: this is very successful. Mr. Toews reviewed the strategy for the group.
- Spectrum Schools: will continue as part of the School Improvement Plan
- \$500 Pro Grant: (See handout) Possible uses are:
 - Implement a Constant Contact email system at an approx. cost of \$250
 - This is a template based system from which different email lists can be created to send out information to the school community. These lists can be customized for SAC members, all parents, just teachers, sports teams, etc. It is spam controlled and secure. AV Graham School currently uses this system.
 - Provide financial assistance for the summer mailings
- Academic Awards: The same format as last year will be followed where the awards are handed out then those wanting to stay for dinner can buy tickets in advance and stay for the dinner after the awards.
- Funding Requests from SAC (see Chair's Report):
- School Website is www.nobles.ca

Chair's Report:

- SAC provided funding assistance to the Graduation Committee – see attached list of award recipients.
- Kathleen Westlake asked for votes on the following requests:
 - Academic Awards Committee = \$3500
 - On a motion put forward by Gerry Westlake, seconded by Denise St. Louis, the request for SAC to provide \$3500 to the Academic Awards Committee was unanimously approved.
 - Art Club – materials for 4 more murals = \$400
 - On a motion put forward by Jean Camlis, seconded by Cindy Deslippe, the request for SAC to provide \$400 to the Art Club was unanimously approved.

Other Items:

- A concern was raised by some parents of grade 9 students that they are not receiving the Synervoice messages. Mr. Toews stated that there is a computer issue and the grade 9 list can't be uploaded. They are working on it.
- Another question raised was whether grade 9 students are able to participate in school parliament. Mr. Toews stated that they are just waiting until the grade 9 students get settled in before they are introduced to school parliament.

Next Meetings:

- Next meeting is Wednesday November 24th - 6:30 pm

Motion for Meeting Adjournment by Allyson McKrow, seconded by Sharon Haskell