

# Minutes

## Sherwood Heights Junior High School Council January 13, 2010

<b>Attendees:</b>		
Rhonda Gibson	Paul Pallister	Pauline Melynk
Lynne Kaiser	Lisa Brower	Sharon Midbo
Claudette Gannon	Sandra Prior	Shelley Bauer

**1. Call to Order at 7:04 pm**

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION/Sandra/Pauline that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED**

**4. Approval of November 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION/Lynne/Sandra that the minutes of November 18, 2009 be approved.  
**CARRIED**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

No business arising from minutes.

**6. Trustee's Report – Lisa Brower**

- Superintendent Search – consultant has been hired for the search. Ad is being posted.
- Approved Revised Budget - \$159,000,000 for current school year.
- EIPS received 7 awards.
- Last day of school has been changed from Thursday to Friday
- Now have Fees Working Committee established.
- 2010-2011 school calendar has been approved – no changes.

**7. Band Parents' Association Report**

Sally reported that this is an exciting time as things are in full swing. Everything is going well. The Jazz band will be going on a retreat.

**8. Logos Committee Report – nothing at this time**

## **9. SAFFRON Presentation – Katie Kitschke**

Katie gave a very informative presentation on various topics such as internet, texting, gaming, etc.

## **10. Principal's Report – Paul Pallister**

10.1 Staff Report – Mrs. England is on leave and her job is advertised.

10.2 Mid term examination – are at the end of the month.

10.3 Teacher Quality Standards – the Government has decided to rewrite the standards. One of the goals is to make them more relatable to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Environment, Socio-economics, Demographics, and Technology are some of the considerations.

10.4 School Education Plan

- Leadership – keeps kids engaged with character
- Intramurals going on at lunch – Olympic theme
- Motivational Speaker – someone from aboriginal community is speaking to the students and teaching some Cree words and dance.
- Saffron – made presentations to the students
- Differentiation – reaching a variety of kids – February 29<sup>th</sup>'s Professional Development Day for staff will include this topic.
- Agendas – an informal study was done and it was noted that 30% of students selected had their agendas with them and 15% of those students were actively using them. Discussion was held regarding this. It was agreed that a smaller agenda would make more sense and perhaps giving the grades 8 & 9 the option of either purchasing the school agendas or obtaining their own.
- Assessment – make sure that tests match studies, i.e. with Rubrics
- AISI – Math is the focus – lots of hands on, very positive changes.

## **11. COSC Report – Lynne Kaiser**

Most of the COSC information was covered in the Trustee and Principal reports. The excellence in teaching awards are coming up. The Alberta School Council Association is having a conference in April. Saffron's new movie – "It's just a game" will be released on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **12. Adjournment at 9:45 pm**

Next Meeting is February 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm.