

**Sherwood Heights Junior High Parent Council Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Attendance: Barb McNeill, Paul Pallister, Lynne Kaiser, Claudette Gannon, Sally Navis, Cindy Christensen, Jean Frederick and Rhonda Gibson.

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion by Claudette
  - Seconded by Lynne
  - Motion carried
4. Approval of April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
  - Motion by Claudette
  - Seconded by Lynne
  - Motion carried
5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - 5.1 AGM for Alberta School Council Association follow-up- Lynne Kaiser
    - Lynne attended the AGM for the ASCA. Big congratulations to Lynne as she is now on the Provincial Board of Directors for the ASCA.
    - Lynne spoke of Bill 44 in which we are concerned about planned amendments to Alberta's human rights legislation which would give parents the right to opt their children out of school lessons that deal with religion, sexuality or sexual orientation. Parents already have the ability to pull their children out of sex education, so why make this into human rights legislation. The Board of Trustees is in support of withdrawing Section 11.1 of Bill 44.
6. Trustee's Report- Barb McNeill
  - Theresa Dach from Sherwood Heights Junior High School was named among the 125 semi-finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Awards.
  - Student Transportation Busing Fees for the 2009-2010 school year will increase the pay ride fee from \$200-\$225, and increase the school of choice fee from \$200-\$225.
  - Barb encouraged members to go to the Elk Island website ([www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca)) to check out the publications, 'Board Highlights' and 'What's New' for more information.
7. Principal's Report- Paul Pallister
  - 7.1 School Activities
    - Sherwood Heights had its Volunteer Appreciation day on May 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Music Monday.
    - The school had a Student Talent show last Wednesday and the winner was a juggler. The students enjoyed this event.
    - The Grade 9 students came back from Quebec and they had a great time.
    - We held our school track meet on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There was very good attendance compared to previous years.
    - ELA and FLA PAT's were wrote during this past week.
    - Sports Accel, Outdoor Education and Band have been busy going places during this past week.
    - A cycling group called O'Tesha will be coming to the school to talk to our students about global awareness.
    - Sherwood Height's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held on June 5 and 6. We will be having a Fine Arts Showcase on the 5<sup>th</sup> and Pancake breakfast and Alumni Volleyball game on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - We will be having an outside sporting activity for PRIDE soon.
    - The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program will be more delayed now due to funding issues.
    - The Baseball Academy will not be happening due to lack of numbers registered.
  - 7.2 Budget Staffing and Enrollment
    - Sherwood Heights is about 40 students short of where we want our enrollment to be which makes for a tighter budget.
    - Mr. Pallister is looking how Elk Island looks at boundary exemptions.
    - Mrs. Hauca will be on maternity leave for one year.
    - Mrs. Spratt is on leave.
    - Madame Deloisy is on leave with Madame Betts taking her spot.
  - 7.3 School Vision
    - Mr. Pallister and staff are working on a simplified school vision.
    - Reach for the Heights- We CARE! (C=Character, A=Academics, R=Respect, E=Engagement)
    - The vision of Sherwood Heights Junior High is to have all students, families and staff be of good character, focus on academics, be respectful of each other and engage in school activities.
  - 7.4 Survey Information

- This year's results are tremendous. The results have significantly improved since last year.

7.5 School Bell Schedule

- Mr. Pallister asked what parents would think of a 9:30am start to the school day? This is an idea that Student Transportation has brought forth to Sherwood Heights. Nothing will happen this year, but perhaps this new start time will be looked at in the future.

8. COSC Report- Rhonda Gibson

- Mrs. McNeill covered what happened at the COSC meeting.

9. Band Parents' Association Report- Sally Navis

- The Jazz Cabaret on April 20 involving Sherwood Heights, Salisbury and an Adult Jazz Band was a huge success. This event will definitely be repeated next year.

- The Year-end Concert will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Salisbury Composite. Sherwood Heights' Band, Salisbury Band and Salisbury Choir will be performing.

- The grade 7 Band students went to Red Deer on Monday and the grade 8 & 9 Band students go to Red Deer on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

10. Logos Committee Report- Jean Frederick

- The Logos' students went to a retreat held at the Church on 99<sup>th</sup> street. The students had a great day.

- The Logos AGM meeting will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Jean commented that the Logos Committee needs new faces on their executive next year.

11. New Business

11.1 Elections for 2009-2010 Executive

- By acclamation our new Vice-Chair is Lynne Kaiser and our Secretary is Claudette Gannon. Thank you for volunteering to be a part of the 2009-2010 Executive. Rhonda Gibson will stay on for one more year as Chair.

11.2 Meeting dates for 2009-2010

- Meetings will be held during the 2009-2010 school year on the second Wednesday of the month. We will not hold meetings in December or in June.

12. Adjournment at 8:50pm.

The next meeting will be in September 2009.