



**DELHI DISTRICT  
SECONDARY SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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PRESENT: Council Members: Dave Kovacs, Shayne Mann, Jeannine Krupicz, Jane Gardner and Deborah Rayner

Teacher Representative:

Non Teaching Representative:

Student Representative: Coco Lee

Regrets: Lorie Dertinger, Annette MacKay, Lisa Misener and Peggy VanGastel

Guests:

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**1. Call To Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Previous Minutes**

- As there were no amendments or additions to the Minutes of October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the Minutes were approved by Dave and seconded by Jane.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

- As there were no amendments or additions to the Agenda, the Agenda was adopted and approved by Dave and seconded by Jeannine

#### **4. Chair Report**

- Dave advised that he attended a Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- a “Parent in Partnership” draft form from the Province was reviewed; however it was a repeat of past ideas
- H1N1 was discussed - there are 3 risk categories - all Grand Erie schools are in level 2 and proceeding to level 1
- Dave advised he was invited to a Town Hall meeting with The Honourable Kathleen Wynn, the Minister of Education for Ontario; however he did not attend
- he was advised by those who did attend that it appeared as though she was giving an election type speech, highlighting the past and nothing new for the future
- Mr. McDonald reviewed the Safe School Policy and its updates and putting the practices that were in effect now on paper
- the focus group regarding “technology” was put on an agenda for the new year as there was not enough time to discuss this issue
- council discussed that there were 120 suspensions at DDSS last year - our numbers dropped dramatically approximately 2 - 3 years ago - DDSS is at the “bottom of the heap” for Grand Erie
- Dave suggested that a new pamphlet be made - Deborah advised that she would do it

#### **5. Student Report**

- Coco advised that Student Council has been very busy
- the dance on 28 October was a “tragic flop” as only 2 tickets were sold
- Jeannine suggested something like a “skating night” - Coco advised that they were thinking about getting a band in - they are looking at events to happen at night but not a dance
- Coco advised that the semi-formal will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 and will be a video dance - there will be a “professional” photographer at the semi-formal - he will be taking pictures all night and then selling the prints - John Stanczyk has donated the printing
- Coca advised that “kick a ginger day” was 20 November but nothing happened at our school - Shayne advised that he had given the teachers a “heads up” - “kick a ginger day” was an episode on South Park where everyone kicked redheads - this actually turned into a facebook group - there was an article in the Toronto newspaper that 20 - 40 students at a school in Toronto kicked 4 redheads

## 6. Principal's Report

- Shayne advised that on 27 October he went to Walsh Public School for the "Welcome/Exit" orientation night - Coco Lee, Katie Robins and Kelsey Stanczyk went with him and did an excellent job - there were not a lot of parents there
- 28 October was spirit day -there were 70 non Grand Erie grade 8's in attendance - there were 11 students from Walsh - there were apparently only 4 grade 8 students at St. Francis School on 28 October - the feed back has been good - t-shirts were given out to all the grade 8's - information was sent home with the Norwich students
- Shayne advised that he has received over 60 registration forms from Norwich students - he has received 4 from LaSalette
- Parent & Student Information Night will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>
- Rent-a-Kid was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> - there were not a lot of jobs called in so the Link Crew took the students out into the community to clean up etc
- Commencement/Awards were held November 6<sup>th</sup> - Mayor Dennis Travale was presented with an Honorary Degree
- Shayne advised that there have been good articles in the newspaper lately regarding the school
- invitations have been sent out regarding the turkey dinner on 16 December - the 1<sup>st</sup> sitting will be at 11:15 a.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting will be at 11:40 a.m.
- Shayne advised that a "Good News Assembly" was held - the football team and junior girls basketball team were noted
- Shayne advised that Ms. Book , the librarian, runs the White Pine Reading Club - there are over 25 students involved this year
- Shayne advised that there has been a lot of information in the media regarding H1N1 - the school board has been tracking attendance - we have had an increase in absenteeism - the highest it has been was 15/16% and it is now about 10/12 %
- Shayne advised that someone suggested, through the "talking locker", that a debit machine be installed in the cafeteria - they are getting one in
- Shayne advised that a Cosmetology program is tentatively in the course calendar for next year - a contractor has been in to assess and will be providing a quote next week - under the CPIP program the Board will match what we raise

## 7. New Business and Addition of New Agenda Item

- Dave advised that in the past at the Awards ceremony honour students were given a plaque with a brass plate to have a name engraved on - he noted that this was not done this year - Shayne advised that this has not been done for a few years - Shayne will look into it

**9. Next Meeting Date**

- 20 January 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

- As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Dave

