

MINUTES OF MEETING  
O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL  
Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

PRESENT: Mrs. L. Belisle, Mrs. T. Rogers, Mrs. K. Canie, Mr. J. McGee, Mr. M. Pollon,  
Mrs. B. Ritchie, Ms. K. Marks, Mr. D. Berthier, Mrs. L. Madore.

REGRETS: Mrs. L. Clausi

GUEST: Mr. R. MacInnis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Pollon.

**Welcome**

Mr. Pollon welcomed by Mr. MacInnis, Trustee to our meeting.

**Opening Prayer**

Mr. Pollon read the opening prayer.

**Additions to the Agenda**

- School Year Calendar for 2011-2012.

**Adoption of Minutes**

MOVED by Mrs. Belisle, seconded by Mrs. Canie  
that the minutes of the meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010,  
be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**People for Education**

Mrs. Rogers volunteered to complete the on-line survey and will share the information at our next meeting.

**School Uniforms**

Mr. Berthier explained that Mrs. Lafreniere did some preliminary inquiries however she is off work at this time. This is deferred to our next meeting.

### **Parent Survey re: Parent/Teacher Interview -**

1. Would you like to pick up your child's report card the day before parent/teacher interview? Yes (7) No (6)
2. Which time slot do you prefer?  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - (8)  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - (5)  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - (0)
3. Comments/suggestions - Mrs. Madore read the 5 comments received.

The surveys will be kept in the School Council binder for future reference.

Discussion ensued on what can we do to encourage parents to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews:

- use of e-mail for communication between parents & teachers
- draw for parents attending interviews
- coffee/snacks available

Members were invited to bring suggestions at our next meeting.

### **School Website & Information Sharing with Parents**

Mrs. Rogers requested an update on the school website. Mr. Berthier explained that unfortunately we do not control the website. However we do post our monthly calendar, newsletter and important information for parents & students.

Mr. Berthier stated that he will be attending a Principal's meeting and would share School Council's request to have more control over the website. He will follow-up on his previous request for clerical access to set up a revolving calendar of school events and activities.

The following suggestions were made to work on a school website:

- create a committee
- Tech design class
- individual school website control

Mr. Berthier offered to write a letter on behalf of School Council to the Board with our requests. School Council will sign the letter. Mr. Berthier will also speak with other principals about the website.

In the meantime, Mrs. Madore will ask Mr. Marks to post the School Council agendas and minutes from this year to date.

### **Suggestions for Reaching Out Grant**

The website might be available now for submitting the grant request for next year. Mr. MacInnis has the username and password and will follow-up.

Discussion ensued on spending the grant for 2010-2011. It was suggested that we approach Father Pat Lafleur to contact his colleague on our behalf. It was suggested that the speaker present to students during the day and parents in the evening.

Mr. Berthier & Mrs. Ritchie will contact Father Pat.

It was also suggested that we request Board approval to fundraise for this event. Mr. Berthier will follow-up via e-mail.

### **Proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar**

Mr. Berthier circulated the proposed calendar and explained to School Council that there is a rotation where each board is responsible for drafting the calendar. This year CSDNE is responsible. The rationale behind their submission was reviewed.

It was suggested that PA Day of June 11<sup>th</sup> be brought forward to September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

Mr. Berthier circulated information on the School Improvement Plan to council members and asked that everyone take a few minutes to read through it.

Clarification was asked regarding the Ontario Common Assessment - Mr. Berthier explained that this is a tool to improve specific reading comprehension strategies. Also questions were asked regarding how can we get parents more involved.

The (SIP) was created to assist teaching staff. Mr. Berthier explained that at one time it used to be “teachers should contact parents” and now it is “teachers must contact parents”.

The goal was to draft a parent friendly School Improvement Plan. Mr. Berthier invited school council to review it again and pass on feedback to him.

Mr. Berthier explained that there will be an on-line survey for students, teachers and parents and this will be posted on our Board Website in the near future.

**Agenda for next meeting**

The Lockdown Procedure will be added to the next agenda.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Mrs. Rogers, seconded by Mr. McGee  
that the meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. L. Madore  
Recording Secretary

Mr. D. Berthier  
Principal