

**COLONEL BY SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL 2009-10**

**DRAFT MINUTES
2009-10 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING #3
Tuesday, November 17, 2009
7:00 pm – 9:15 pm**

Attendees: Alfred & Mira Alvares, Mandy Bailey, Mandy Brady (Recorder), Tom Brandt, Buffey Cassidy, Catherine Chung How, Chaouki Dakdouki, Marlene Dobson, Janet Evans (Treasurer), Liza Godbole, Frances Graff, Jennifer Harris, Lewis Harthun (IB Co-ord), Paul Hébert, Sandeep Hemmady, Catherine Holt, Katie Holtzhauer (Co-chair), Alice Jacobsen, Tammy Jones (OCASC Rep), Delia Kecskemeti, Nicolas Kecskemeti, Patti Keller, Francis LeBlanc, Gail Lyon (Principal), Celine Ma, Jane Mahoney, David Moen (Trustee), Michelle Muncaster, Kishore Murthy, Savvidis Nikolaos, Jenny Ong, Lise Pennie, Heather Pierscianowski (IB Rep), Anu Ram, Jim Rickards, Mitra Rostami (Student Rep), Jacki Sachrajda, Liz Stanich (Co-chair), Henry Starzynski, Louise Stephens, Ann Thacker, Alison Weir (Communications). (43 attendees)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

School Council Co-chair Liz Stanich chaired the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include Business Arising from Previous Meeting.

Motion (B. Cassidy / J. Mahoney) to approve the agenda as amended was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the Council's last meeting were reviewed, and a change was noted: on page 2, 4 c) should read: Another trip will likely be organized next **Spring** to run **next Fall (2010)**.

Motion (A. Weir / M. Dobson) to approve the CB School Council minutes of October 20th, 2009 as amended was carried.

4. Reports

a. Student Council Report - Mitra Rostami updated Council members on several recent activities, including the mid-October Leadership Camp which was a big success with over 130 students and 30 student leaders - many groups of students are still getting together long after this event. Upcoming events include Arts Week this week, Coffee House, Amnesty International's 16 Days Against Gender Violence (Nov 25 - Dec 10), "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox (gathering toys, and health and school supplies), and this week's Indy 500 (scooter board races). Student Council is also organizing a Snowsuit Fund, Spirit Week (last week before Christmas break), and is putting a proposal in to the Guinness Book of World Records regarding a limbo tournament.

b. Principal's Report - Principal Gail Lyon presented the appended report, and reminded parents to view the November Newsletter online.

c. Staff Report - The Staff Report was provided by Mr. Harthun (IB Coordinator), and included information on the October 9th PD Day teacher trip to Algonquin College and upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews.

d. IB Co-ordinator's Report - Mr. Harthun informed parents about the upcoming Grade 8 IB Information Night (November 25th), as well as the great interest in the IB program as witnessed at "mini" information presentations that CB has given at various feeder schools. IB Exam Fees forms have recently gone home (these cover the costs of external reviewers, mailing of exams, and exam sitting fees etc, and are separate from IB Admin fees which go to the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)). Extended Essay letters have also gone home to anyone who may be on Academic Probation for not meeting EE deadlines. There will be two new IB courses starting next year: "Text and Performance", a Grade 12 English / Writer's Craft course on how major literary works might be re-written or adapted for performance; and "IB Film", a Grade 12 course where students learn the technical aspects of producing a short film.

e. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Janet Evans presented the November Financial Report.

Opening balance:	\$4,308.17
Income:	\$500.00 (Parent Involvement Grant from the Ministry)
	0.04 (Interest)
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Closing Balance: \$4,808.21

There will also be a cheque coming shortly from the office for the School Council portion of Student Fees.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Buffey Cassidy provided an update on information received from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, regarding a proposed presentation on this topic in the New Year. Presentation format for parents could be ~2 hr talk followed by Q&A period. Cost ~\$100 to cover honoraria for two volunteer speakers. This could be advertised to a wider audience / other parents in the community (student presentation would be separate and free). Principal Lyon is also conversing with CHEO physicians on this topic, who may be presenting at an upcoming Grade 11 Assembly and/or to staff at their January meeting. Buffey to coordinate further details with Ms. Lyon.

6. Delegation to Trustees November 23rd regarding Accommodation Review

Trustee Moen updated members on some last minute information he had received. Board Staff / Trustees have "now" determined that there are too many delegates wishing to present on these two ARCs to be heard in one night on November 23rd. This is despite the fact that a motion put forward last week by Trustee Funicello to have two nights set aside for delegates was defeated. There will therefore likely be an "overflow night" on November 25th for "remaining" delegates to present; however whom this will include will not be known until the end of the evening on the 23rd. Trustee Moen also told the group he had just been informed that "it is quite likely there will be an amendment moved to close Colonel By instead of Rideau". December 7th (Committee of the Whole - debate meeting) would be the most likely date when amendments would be proposed, with final decision slated for December 15th. If others would like to present to Trustees, the deadline for registration for the November 23rd meeting is November 19th.

Co-chair Katie Holtzhauer read the School Council presentation being prepared for this meeting, which focussed on supporting the ARC recommendations, understanding CB and dispelling the myths, and financial implications. Council members approved of the draft, and provided some

additional feedback to further support the argument that Colonel By should be protected. The final presentation can be accessed on the Board website at:

http://www.ocdsb.ca/Documents/Board_Meetings/Meetings/2009/November_2009/SpCOW_Nov23_2009/7a_Dele_BHEO_holtzhauer_colonelbyschoolcouncil.doc%20%5BCompatibility%20Mode%5D.pdf

7. New Business - Review of Student Transfer Policy

Co-chair Liz Stanich provided an update on the OCDSB's current review of its Designated Schools / Student Transfer Policy. The suggested revisions to the policy significantly reduce the criteria for, and availability of, student transfers, despite the overwhelming feedback from the initial (June) and subsequent (November) public consultations supporting school choice. Specific proposed changes for secondary schools include removing the criteria of "ease of access", "choice of semestered or non-semestered", and "registration in a University or College designated course that is not available at the student's designated school". Also, the "cap" for maximum enrolment at receiving schools will be reduced, and "Sending Principals" will be involved in the transfer decision and may limit transfers where "program viability issues" exist at the sending school. Liz discussed the significant impact on Colonel By if the proposed tightening of the Transfer Policy goes through, as >65% of CB's regular program (i.e. non-IB) students are transfers. (The policy does not apply to System Programs such as the IB). Most students in CB attend on transfers as CB has the smallest catchment area in the Board due to recent and repeated boundary decreases. School Council will again be presenting to Trustees on this topic at their December 2nd meeting.

(http://www.ocdsb.ca/Documents/Board_Meetings/Meetings/2009/December_2009/SPPC_Dec2_2009/4a_Colonel_By_Delegation.pdf)

8. Adjournment

The next meeting is currently scheduled for December 15th, however this will need to be re-scheduled as the Council Co-chairs (and many members) will be attending the OCDSB's meeting to debate the proposed school closure(s). Parents will be advised of a proposed new date for the December Council meeting as soon as possible.

Motion (J. Mahoney / J. Evans) to end the School Council Meeting #3 was carried at 9:15 pm.

Principal's Report to School Council
November 17, 2009
(Gail Lyon)

1. Professional Activity Day
 - Field Trip! – to Algonquin College
 - An excellent opportunity to help staff become aware of post-secondary options for students
 - Teachers met with staff in various

2. Report Cards:
 - Went home today
 - Newsletter – Now on website

3. Parent-Teacher Interviews:
 - Thursday, November 26; please book appointment times early

4. Our VERY busy school life continues! . . .
School-wide:
 - Coffee Break for Hospice (October 22) The Hospice at May Court
2007: \$2100 – 2008: \$2400 – 2009: \$3807
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony (November 11): Two student run assemblies
-Former Colonel By students spoke!
Military: Commanders Derek Moss and Chris Sutherland
 - Awards Ceremony (November 4):
 - Music Retreat last weekend: Joint effort with students and staff from Beatrice
Desloges: 70 students workshops, clinics and rehearsals with professional musicians
a trip to the Capital Brass Works Concert. Food and a two night sleep-over made the weekend!
On the Athletic Front:
 - Football: National Capital Tier 2 finalists
 - Senior and Junior Tennis teams: National Capital Champions – to OFSAA in spring
 - Cross Country: Senior Girls won City Champions – Had fun at OFSAA
 - Senior Boys' Volleyball – qualified for OFSAA; championship game today!
 - In the gym at lunch time: intramural soccer just finished; Indy 500 this week; ball hockey to come

5. Upcoming Activities
 - Coffee House (November 30)
 - Board Meeting (November 23)
 - Grade 8 IB Information Night (November 25)
 - UCC (United Cultures Club) Gala (November 27)
 - Music Night (December 10)