

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10th, 2006

Seminar Room – 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Dorian Young	Mitchell Rea	Alicia Crowe
	Diane Welborn	Rob Stonehouse	Marg Cox
	Jan McMaster	Tammy Rea	Gary Brohman
	Theresa Riley	Stephanie Foster	Patti-Lou Robinson
	Debbie Sternberg	Terry Goodwin	Christine Collins

Regrets:	Helen Callaway	Donna Austin	Dorothy Owens
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1. **Welcome**

Dorian Young welcomed everyone.

2. **Guest Speaker**

Chris Duchene, Head of Student Services

- HHSS, and the Guidance Dept. has put a big emphasis on trying to increase the success rate of students graduating.
- More emphasis is being placed on the Grade 8-9 Transition
- The Guidance Dept. has put new systems into place to help students and parents make better choices coming into high school (a clearer understanding of the 3 viable streams) – this will hopefully help students have more success throughout high school.
- Also, the Dept is working at reacting very quickly to students in 10, 11 and 12 that may not have made the best subject selection.
- Trying to present all three streams as viable choices.

Chris gave a very thorough and well-presented talk. The topic is very timely as options are being considered by all students in the next few weeks. The Dept has obviously done a lot of groundwork to ensure that choices are made well in the first place, or hopefully caught very quickly and resolved to everyone's satisfaction, especially the student.

Jan McMaster to send a thank-you note.

3. **Approval of Minutes from November 8th, 2005 Annual General Meeting**

Marg Cox was mistakenly reported as present.

Jan McMaster approved the Minutes and Diane Welborn, seconded.

Motion carried.

4. **Draft recommendation to TLDSB supporting Healthy Eating**
Dorian circulated a draft letter to the Board, commending them on their efforts in the last tender to ensure that healthy food was a higher priority than profit. A motion was put forward for Dorian to send the completed letter to the School Board.
Patti-Lou approved and Christine seconded the motion. Carried.

5. **S.A.C. Report**

Stephanie Foster, SAC Co-Captain presented.
 - Nutcracker themed Semi-formal in Dec was very successful
 - Spirit week cut short due to weather, Christmas assembly will be held this coming Thursday
 - A Coffee house will be held Jan 20th.
 - Valentine week will have spirit activities, matchmakers and a Video Dance
 - Board-wide SAC's meet to plan activities for all schools – a board-wide Art Challenge is being planned.

6. **Principal's Report** – Gary Brohman
 - Credit Rescue/Credit Recovery and Student Success
 - Gary gave us further details about the programs Chris Duchene outlined earlier in the evening and how HHSS is trying to keep students in school
Up-coming special dates at HHSS
 - Exams Jan 36 – Jan 31st, 2006
 - Second Semester starts - Feb 3rd, 2006
 - Semester One Reports sent home – Feb 9th, 2006
 - Semester Two Progress Reports – March 7th, 2006
 - Semester Two Parents Night – March 8th, 2006
 - Trip to France & Spain – 13 days in March 2006

7. **District School Council Report**
Dorian presented a summary of the TLDSB Strategic Directions document. The directions and priorities set by the Board are commendable. The Board is trying to get more parents involved. They asked for a representative from our School Council. Christine Collins will be the contact for the Board on this initiative.

8. **New Business**
No new business.

9. **Information Items**

Many items were distributed with the agenda.

The proposed School Calendar for the 2006-2007 year was discussed and approved.

10.. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Dorian Young at 8:50.

NOTE: Next meeting has been rescheduled to
TUESDAY MARCH 21st, 2006
7:00 in the Seminar Room.

January 10th.2006

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Council Recommendation to TLDSB adopted on January 10th, 2006

Being concerned that unhealthy eating choices and habits are being adopted by many young people;

Wishing to ensure that a good selection of healthy foods at reasonable prices is always available in the HHSS school cafeteria;

Noting the recent makeover of the HHSS cafeteria and the adoption of an 'Eat Smart' Programme which includes the promotion of healthy eating and the provision of healthy food options;

The 2005-6 HHSS School Council hereby:

- a) approves of the changes to the HHSS cafeteria.

- b) commends the Trillium Lakelands' District School Board (TLDSB) for giving priority to healthy eating over and above commercial gain when awarding the food provision contract relating to school cafeteria.

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- c) recommends to the TLDSB that it monitors to ensure that healthy eating options are always available and affordable in schools and to take further measures to promote and bring about healthy eating by students.