

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday September 26th, 2006
Seminar Room – 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Dorian Young Jan McMaster Christine Collins Duane Pratt
 Terry Goodwin Marlene Vieira Gary Brohman Dorothy Owens
 Tammy Rea Sharon Luke Wayne Cooper
SAC Reps: Jake Findeis, Lauran Penman

Regrets: Deb Sternberg Marg Cox Sabine Murray Donna Austin
 Diane Wellborn Donna Austin

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Dorian Young welcomed the group.

2. **Guest Speakers – HHSS Scholarship Fund**

 Louise Cooper, Secretary

 Wayne Cooper, Chairperson

Louise has worked with this committee for a long time, and Wayne has spent 17 years as Chair.

Louise and Wayne circulated a copy of the HHSS Scholarship Fund Directory of Awards 2005.

For 40 years the county has supported the students through this fund which now has over \$300,000 in trust. The income each year is given as awards on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Awards can be specific or general in which case the committee will work with teachers to determine worthy students.

A thank-you letter is encouraged to be written by the student to the donor

The School Council was impressed and new donations will be pursued by individual members.

3. **Future Guest Speakers**

After discussing some excellent topics the following topics were chosen:

 Nov: Success of the LINC program – Irv Sternberg

 Jan: E-learning at HHSS

 Mar: Dangers of the Internet

4. **Approval of Minutes relating to Council Meeting of May 9th, 2006**

Minutes were approved by Jan McMaster and seconded by Sharon Luke.

5. **Approval of Minutes relating to Annual General Council Meeting of September 12th 2006**

Will be done at the Annual Council Meeting September 2007

6. **Principal's Report**

Gary circulated his report.

The school year is off to a great start.

Gary handed out HHSS coasters to the members of Council.

Gary's report included a summary of how well the Late Busing is utilized.

Jan McMaster to send a letter of thanks to Valerie Smith to reaffirm how important we feel this is and to thank the board for recognizing this need as well.

7. **S.A.C. Report**

Jake and Lauran circulated a report at the meeting summarizing the Student Council activities for September

The Parent Council was quite impressed with the way the school year has started.

8. **Parent Involvement Initiative**

With the \$500 we had been granted last school year for Parent Councils, we purchased a display board.

This was shown at the meeting and it was agreed that we would try and have a display for the upcoming Parent Teacher Night - October 12th

The committee will work towards building a collection of items that can be posted

9. **Reports on Events**

HHSS Grade 9 Orientation Evening May 24th, 2006

Interested parents from this meeting were emailed to remind them of School Council meetings

Citizen Advisory Committee on Trustee Honoraria, August 29th, 2006

Honorariums for the trustees and Chair have been increased.

The council felt that this was appropriate as there is a substantial workload, and the current persons are quite effective.

10. **Items to be Read and Questions Asked during Gary's Report**

The following reports were reviewed.

Board Policies

Strategic Directions

H.H.S.S. School Improvement Plan

11. **New Business**

Lynda Litwin, a parent of a grade 9 student, suggested that the council look at providing a timeline chart of extracurricular activities at HHSS, for planning and encouraging student involvement

The Council thought this was a wonderful idea and will pursue it with a goal of having it completed by the Grade Nine orientation in the spring..

12. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Dorian Young at 8:50.

Motion made by Marlene Vieira, seconded by Jan McMaster.

**NOTE: Next Meeting of HHSS Council
 WEDNESDAY November 8th, 2006
 7:00 in the Seminar Room.**