

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

**Tuesday January 16th, 2007
Seminar Room – 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Dorian Young Jan McMaster Sabine Murray Duane Pratt
 Tammy Rea Marlene Vieira Gary Brohman Dorothy Owens
 Tammy Rea Sharon Luke Wayne Cooper Terry Goodwin
 SAC Rep: Jake Findeis

Regrets: Christine Collins Karen Burnett Marg Cox

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dorian Young welcomed the group.

2. Approval of Minutes relating to Council Meeting of November 8th, 2006

With the amendment sent by email by Dorian Young, the minutes were approved by Dorothy Owens and seconded by Jan McMaster.

3. Principal's Report

- Mid-term progress reports go home with the students on Nov 20th.
- The HHSS scholarships were given at the school over the Thanksgiving weekend. The new system was effective as there was a higher turnout to receive their awards.
- A group of students will be applying for the Eat Smart certificate.
- Breakfast Club is very successful 3 mornings a week.
- Laura Willis is working as the Apprentice Coordinator to encourage trades in grades 7 and 8.
- HHSS Senior Football team is playing for the COFSSA Championship tomorrow
- Tom Regina, head of the Music Dept just returned from a conference in London full of new ideas.
- Enrollment is good – as of Oct 30th we had 753 FTE's. we project 741 for second semester.
- However, there is a big concern as enrollment is dropping in the elementary schools. The municipal election even dealt with how to attract young families to Haliburton.

4. S.A.C. Report

Jake summarized the Student Council activities for October. Halloween was celebrated with a Spirit week and a Halloween Dance. Many activities were held at lunch time there was a dress-up theme each day. The students will be entering a float in the Christmas Parade.

They will be hosting a Coffee House and Christmas Spirit Week in the upcoming weeks.

5. Parent Involvement Initiative

Dorian brought the council up –to date on several items.

Parent Night - the new sign board was a big success – thanks to all that volunteered Jan McMaster is to write a thank-you to County Signs to thank them for the signs that they donated.

Extra-Curricular Activity Chart – created by Sharon Luke with input from Joan Smith, this is a great start at a year-at-a-glance summary of student activities at HHSS. Our goal will be to have it ready for the spring for new students and parents

Guest Speakers – Mark Boilou of the OPP will be presenting at our meeting on March 21st on internet safety. It was decided to invite the parent community and try and get a large turnout. We will have a short meeting at 7:00 and then have the presentation in the Northern Lights Pavilion at 7:30. The theater should be booked at this time.

People in Education – Dorian presented a questionnaire from a group called People in Education. Over 1,000 schools in Ontario complete this each year. The group is comprised of parents with a goal of making recommendations to the Ministry of Education. Dorian had attended a presentation by this group at York University in early November. Gary had some concerns, as he has completed this in the past and found it time-consuming and that the results did not necessarily reflect the needs of HHSS. The committee was divided, with some concern as to the intent of People in Education. It was decided that members should review the website of People in Education in a very timely manner and if we agreed to proceed, the council would provide as much assistance to complete the data as possible,.

Government Grant-Dorian was able to find a large grant available to Parent Councils. Given that is was not highly advertised and that the deadline is Nov 20th – it was decided that an effort on our part would have a high chance of success. A meeting was arranged for Mon at 12:00 noon for all persons available, at HHSS in the seminar room. The committee agreed that the sub-committee could proceed, but that any proposal would be circulated by email for information.

6. Homework: a consideration **Deferred to next meeting**

7. Information Items **Deferred to next meeting**

8. New Business **Deferred to next meeting**

9. Adjournment Meeting adjourned by Dorian Young at 9:28.

Motion made by Marg Cox, seconded by Sharon Luke.

NOTE: Next Meeting of HHSS Council
TUESDAY, January 9th, 2007
7:00 in the Seminar Room.