

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

**Wednesday March 21, 2007
Seminar Room – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Regrets: Dorian Young

1. Welcome and Introductions

Marlene Vieira and Terry Goodwin welcomed the group and started the meeting.

2. Introduction of Guest Speaker = Mark McMaster

Mark McMaster, joined the Metro Police in 1981. He is now the Head of Community Services OPP, which includes programs like the Grade 6 DARE. He is also responsible for media relations.

Mark gave a very informative speech on Internet Awareness. He also had videos to show us that really brought highlighted the dangers of the Internet. It showed how easily kids are convinced to start an on-line dialogue with a stranger who has been infiltrating a group of kids. He also explained that this was a local issue.

Some places to get more info, or to review what Mark explained are

www.opp.ca
www.phonebusters.com

Mark's presentation was excellent and Terry Goodwin thanked him on our behalf and presented a gift that had been donated by H.H.S.S.

3. REGULAR MEETING

3.1 Approval of Minutes relating to Council Meeting of January 16, 2007.

Postponed to May Meeting.

3.2 S.A.C. Report

Jake and Lauren submitted a report as they are busy with schoolwork.

Semi-formal – For the first time, this was held after the Christmas break and it had the biggest attendance in years.

AIDS Relief –Raised \$1000 in a coin drive in one week.

Valentine Spirit week was a success.

Roses were available to be sent and all but 5 were sold. Good profit

Coffee House – will return this Friday night.

Spring Fling – final dance of the year – April 20th

FUTURE: The year is drawing to an end and the SAC again will have a profit.

Possibly will have a FAIR as the final event of the year.

Balance of agenda was postponed to May meeting.

NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY MAY 15th, 2007
7:00 pm Seminar Room**

First Semester Exams will be held Jan 21 – 25
Second Semester begins Friday February 1st.
Report cards will be send home Thursday Feb 8th.
Options Sheets for Grade 8 – Parent Night Tuesday Feb 13th
Tuesday March 6th Options sheets are due for September.
Wed March 7th is Parent Night.
March 9th to 16th is March Break.

4. S.A.C. Report

Coffee House was held (Battle of the Bands)
The S.A.C. had a float in the Christmas Parade
S.A.C. held a Staff Appreciation Breakfast
Had a great Christmas Spirit week
Monday – PJ Day
Tuesday – Winter Wear Day – Frozen T Shirt Contest
Wednesday – Christmas in Hawaii – Limbo
Thursday – Red, Green, White Day – gift unwrapping mania
Friday – Christmas Character Day – Cookie decorating and assembly
Toy Drive collected 220 toys for charity.

Up-coming events

Semi-formal Dance – Feb 16th
Valentine Spirit Week – roses for sale
Dodge Ball Tournament
Battle of the Bands

5. Parent Involvement Initiative

Dorian notified the group that the PRO Grant group had been swamped with applications, and that there was no answer yet on the status of the HHSS application. Dorian thanked everyone for their efforts. Regardless, HHSS School Council will still receive \$500. How to spend these monies will be discussed at our next meeting.

6. News Items

Education Funding

With cuts to Education and changing enrollment, school closures will be inevitable. School Council will stay informed to help support any community involvement, if here are local changes.

Parent Council is advised of the upcoming meeting in Lindsay on April 28th, 2007. The focus this year will be Technology and the Internet. Annie Kidder will be the guest speaker. Dorian attended this conference last year and highly recommends it.

Trillium Lakes Board Update

Kathryn Verdun has re-issued the Education leaflet that summarizes TLDSB's focus.

Provincial Parent Board

20 Parents from across Ontario are to be chosen to create a new Provincial Parent Board. It was suggested that Haliburton representation would be beneficial to represent rural families.

Teaching Excellence

Ontario awards excellence in teaching. Council reiterated the large number of deserving teachers at HHSS. As the deadline is tight – action would have to be quick. It was recommended that each year in Sept School Council start the application process.

Arts Camp

Dorian mentioned the wonderful Arts Camp that takes place each June in Haliburton. While it is difficult to miss school for a week, several students do take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Cyber-Bullying

Our special guest speaker for the March meeting will be addressing this very topical subject.

We would like to get as many parents out as possible.

Sharon Luke will create a flyer.

Jan McMaster is to notify the Public Schools.

7. New Business

No new items were initiated.

8. Resignation of HHSS School Council Chair

Dorian noted with regret his resignation from HHSS School Council.

Dorian was commended for his enthusiasm and dedication to HHSS and he has left very large shoes to fill.

Terry Goodwin and Marlene Vieira have agreed to Co-chair for the remainder of the school year. Marlene will work with Gary to set the Agenda.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Dorian Young at 8:45.

Motion made by Sharon Luke, seconded by Duane Pratt.

**NOTE: Next Meeting of HHSS Council
WEDNESDAY March 21st 2007
7:00 in the Seminar Room.
7:30 Special Guest Speaker**