

## HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Minutes of School Council Meeting

February 17, 2009

### **Present:**

Jim Henwood (Chair)  
Gary Brohman  
Sharon Luke  
Jan McMaster  
Jen Paton (Teacher Rep)  
Duane Pratt  
Rob Taylor  
Marlene Vieira (recording)

### **Guest:**

Tom Dibblee

### **Regrets received:**

Christine Collins  
Cathy Outram  
Tammy Rea  
Jacquie Richards

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair, Jim Henwood welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. Guest Speaker: Tom Dibblee, HHSS Teacher of Communication Technology Course**

Teacher, Tom Dibblee provided the school council with a comprehensive overview of the Communication Technology Course. The course consists of two credits (college/university path), and enables students to have extensive involvement in the annual preparation of the school's Yearbook. Tom Dibblee's report highlighted some of the following aspects of the course:

- The Class Members / The Hierachy
- Photojournalism Days
- Proofreading
- Our Partners
- The Product
- Our Contribution
- The Hardware / Software
- Other Stuff – magazine/DVD covers, movie posters, slide shows, etc.
- Our Success

The presentation concluded with the viewing of a slide show, prepared as part of the course, which will be shown to Grade 8 students and their parents. Principal, Gary Brohman provided a brief background on the history of the course. Questions from the Council were responded to by Tom Dibblee and Jim Henwood thanked him for a very informative presentation.

### **3. Minutes of the School Council Meeting**

**MOTION:** Moved by Jan McMaster, seconded by Rob Taylor  
**That** the Minutes of the School Council Meeting, November 11, 2008, be approved.

**Carried**

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#### **4. Student Activities Council**

With neither co-captain of the Student Activities Council (SAC) able to attend the meeting, there was no SAC report.

#### **5. Principal's Report**

Principal, Gary Brohman circulated his written report to the Council, and provided elaboration on the following items:

- February – Start up of Second Semester (enrolment and new hires)
- Student Success (credit accommodations)
- EQAO (Preparation for Grade 10 Literacy Test April 2009)
- Parents' Night (Wednesday, March 11, 2009)
- Grade 8 Parents' Night and Options Sheets for all HHSS students for 2009-10
- French Immersion 2009-10 – new program
- District School Council Meeting – January 11 and February 12 Update
- Global Fundraising Event for Semester Two (Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief)
- School Calendar 2009-10

Questions of clarification were responded to throughout the report. In response to the Principal's query about the Council's opinion on whether students should still participate in fundraising, in light of the downturn in the economy, there was a consensus of the Council that the school should still proceed with these plans. Several positive benefits and life lessons for students raising funds for others (on local and global levels) were cited.

Sharon Luke confirmed that there are funds remaining from the Parent Involvement Grant, which will be used to pay for radio advertisements about Semester Two Parents' Night (March 11<sup>th</sup>).

It was noted that exam days will be June 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24, with the last day of school being June 25 (commencement in evening). Gary Brohman pointed out that the 2009-10 year will start August 31, with students' first day in class being Monday, September 2, 2009. School starts prior to the Labour Day weekend.

#### **6. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.