

# Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute Parent School Council Minutes

**Chairperson:** Wendy Piccinin **Recorder:** Suzanne Belcamino **Date:** October 25, 2010

**In attendance:** Suzanne Belcamino, Wayne Fletcher, Wendy Piccinin, Barb D'Silva, Kirsten Untinen, Ron Lee Kam.

**Regrets:** Luisa Alfonso, Anita Caruso and Cecil Shonias and Eugema Ings.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action/Decision	Responsibility
Welcome and Introductions	Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.	
Review and approval of Agenda	<b>MOVED BY: Ron Lee Lee Kam</b> <b>SECONDED BY: Suzanne Belcamino</b>	
Review and approval of last minutes	<b>MOVED BY: Suzanne Belcamino</b> <b>SECONDED BY: Ron Lee Kam</b>	
Business arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget</b> – Ron asked if we had one but will not know until Christmas. Wayne is assuming it is the same as last year.</li> <li>• <b>Kingfisher</b> – Clarification on how students are chosen and providing opportunities for leadership.</li> </ul>	
Burning issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sidewalks</b> on school side of street (Ron Lee Kam) but none from here to River Street. Barb would like to see a crosswalk in front of the school. Wayne brought it forward to City Council through Mr. Foulds. There is the sidewalk across the street but not on our side. Wayne also spoke to Mr. McKinnon on phone and expressed his concerns about lack of sidewalks, but McKinnon voted “NO” when brought up.            Ron: Do we need a motion from this council to city council to ask for sidewalks? Especially with winter weather coming soon which will cause students to walk on the road on that side of the street..  <b>MOTION:</b> To instruct Mr. Fletcher to draft a letter to City Council and Board to have a sidewalk from River Street to Balsam Street and a crosswalk in front of school  <b>MOVED BY:</b> Ron Lee Kam  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Wendy Piccinin  <b>CARRIED</b></li> </ul> <p>In the meantime, encourage students to use sidewalks especially before winter weather comes so that they will use it in the winter.</p>	

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Correspondence	“ People for Education” Pamphlet	
Committee Reports	<p><b><u>Student Council.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Kingfisher Retreat</u></b> was very successful and has a variety of students attending. There is a limit to the number of students that the camp can accommodate.</li> <li>• <b><u>October Fest</u></b> – a number of events planned (mummy wrap, cheesy head, pumpkin carving, haunted house) with dance on Tuesday, October 26, 7:30 – 10:30 pm.</li> <li>• <b><u>November fundraising for United Way</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeroom challenge (for yard sale and money collection)</li> <li>• Yard Sale, Saturday, November 27, 11:00 – 2:00. Accepting donations.</li> <li>• Teacher vs. students basketball game Wednesday, November 17.</li> <li>• Pop corn sales</li> <li>• Candy Grams.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Homecoming game (Tuesday, November 2)</li> <li>• Assisting Hallowing for Hunger to collect food for Regional Food Distribution Centre</li> <li>• Motto of SAC – “Be the Change”</li> <li>• Survey for feedback from students first week of November.</li> <li>• Sub-executives. Nominations will be expected. Spirit, announcement, PR committee. Encourage more juniors.</li> </ul>	Suzanne Belcamino
	<p><b><u>Staff</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Results – Ron would like to get specific feedback on student’s results but do not get any if you pass. Wayne stated that if you fail will get a detailed report. School does not even get information on how well they did, if they pass.</li> <li>• October 1 – Professional Development for teachers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus a) New Assessment Document</li> <li>• b) Literacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School Literacy Team Established and plan to improve literacy scores outlined. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each department is doing subject specific literacy assignments until Christmas. After Christmas, we will be using OSSLT practice activities. Feedback on how well students did will be given to improve students’ abilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wednesday, November 3. Students Awards Recognition Night, 7:00 pm Cafetorium.</li> <li>• Student teachers are arriving on November 8<sup>th</sup> (5 weeks).</li> </ul> <p>Skyanne Horvoka, a former teacher gave a concert at the school. Explained aboriginal teachings and how to make a difference in the world. She and the students were on Global Television news tonight.</p>	Suzanne Belcamino

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	<p><b><u>Administration</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalized our goal with SSI (Secondary School Initiative) improving credit count for non-compulsory applied level students in grade 9 and 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start on November 4 to outline program</li> <li>• \$40,000 release time \$12,000 resources.</li> <li>• <b><u>Literacy</u></b> -All grades 10s have been tested. From that, created a pool of students at risk and will focus on them into calendar year.</li> <li>• Weakest point is writing of paragraph and making inferences from reading.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Awards Night – anyone speaking on behalf of council? If not, Wayne will.</li> <li>• Another PD in November – not totally layed out.</li> <li>• Still building on PLCs – process on how to continually improve. (Focus is assessment and instructional strategies – hope to dovetail this with SSI).</li> <li>• I-scans will be done – Large number of staff said they would like to see administration into their classroom and results are given to chair to see what is being seen.</li> <li>• Putting a teacher forward to “Premier Teacher Award”.</li> <li>• “Your Dream Job” – Learning Foundation (Scotia Bank) – notified we are in top 3. Won \$1000.</li> <li>• Winnipeg Royal Ballet \$15./ticket</li> <li>• Mid –semester (November 10) report cards will be issued on November 17 – 20. Parents will be notified via Synervoice.</li> <li>• Parents Night – October 17</li> <li>• December 7,8,9 feeder school students will be in the school</li> <li>• January – KIDS PAGE in the Chronicle Journal.</li> <li>• Heather Donaghy is our school reporter for the Chronicle Journal.</li> <li>• October 31 is count day. Still at 905 students. Increased over last year by 60 students.</li> </ul>	Wayne Fletcher
	<p><b>Council of Chairs’ Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send Wendy documentation from meeting.</li> <li>• Informed at Principal’s forum that each school must have a representative. Need to know before our meeting so we can ask someone to go.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Budget –</b> Assume budget the same based on enrollment \$1,200.</p>	Wayne Fletcher
	<b>Home and School Association</b>	Eugema Ings

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“In September, Superior Home and School had the opportunity (through a grant) to bring Chris Vollum into town from Southern Ontario. He discussed face book and the social media pros and cons. He talked with students one on one on the Monday afternoon. In the evening it was open to parents and the community. Even though it was advertised, the turnout was quite disappointing. The information received was very knowledgeable. CD’s were available for sale. Chris spoke to other schools, parents and groups throughout his week. He came back on Friday morning to do two presentations to the student body. Students and parents who attended Chris’ session had positive reviews.</i></li> <li>• <i>We started our membership drive in October. We had planned on having a trustee forum but due to the availability of the trustees we were not able to get our basic quorum of 6. Instead we decided to have a question and answer via our website. All parents had the opportunity via our newsletter to participate. The question(s) and responses are posted on our website.</i></li> <li>• <i>This is an up to date account of what has been going on for the month of September and October.”</i></li> </ul> <p>Submitted by Eugema Ings, President of Superior Home and School Association.</p>	
<b>Policies and Procedures under Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Available on the Board’s website:</b> <a href="http://www.lakeheadschoools.ca">www.lakeheadschoools.ca</a></li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>PRO-GRANT</u></b> – Applied for “suicide information night”.</li> <li>• Approved \$550.</li> <li>• Sue Taylor mentioned college had a program on suicide.</li> <li>• Scott Chisholm “Collateral Damage” left behind by suicide. Recommended by Health Unit. Focus on prevention.</li> <li>• Barb asked if we have a high Aboriginal population. Officially have 17% identified aboriginal students. Last year, had a presentation strictly directed to them. Asked specifically to be held with elders. “geared” for aboriginal students particularly northern aboriginal students.</li> <li>• Date in February</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Council adjourned at 8:25 pm</b>	
<b>Next meeting: November 29, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Superior C. &amp; V.I. Seminar Room</b>		