

Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute Parent School Council Minutes

Chairperson: Wendy Piccinin **Recorder:** Suzanne Belcamino and Luisa Alfonso **Date:** November 29, 2010

In attendance: Wendy Piccinin, Carol McNeice, Anita Caruso, Barb D'Silva, Ron Lee Kam, Sue Taylor, Wayne Fletcher, Suzanne Belcamino and Luisa Alfonso

Regrets: Cecil Shonias and Eugema Ings.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action/Decision	Responsibility
Welcome and Introductions	Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm	
Review and approval of Agenda	MOVED BY: Ron Lee Kam SECONDED BY: Suzanne Belcamino <div style="text-align: right;">With additions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>	
Review and approval of last minutes	MOVED BY: Barbara D'Silva SECONDED BY: Sue Taylor and Ron Lee Kam <div style="text-align: right;">With amendments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>	
Business arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Progrant</u> - Presentation by Sheila Hansen (Thunder Bay District Health Unit) and Angela Hill (Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre) both from "Thunder Bay Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force." This group integrates about twenty different agencies and started in 2007 when two youths in the community committed suicide in one week. Distributed information to council. This group aims to respond and prevent youth suicides. They explained about what they have to offer to prevent and educate about this topic. They both and the council explored possibilities and ideas of how to plan for the "presentation night" in February. <p><u>Directions to the committee</u></p> <p>When: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm Where: Superior Cafetorium How Long? 1.5 hr. Possible name for the presentation: "Learn the Signs of Suicide" Possible speakers: Resource professionals, parents, students. How to advertise: The Source, Facebook, Synervoice, Around Town, KiJiJi, PSA@dougallmedia.com. Target: Everyone. Especially youth, aboriginals and non heterosexuals.</p>	
Burning issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "People for Education" Newsletter. Health Unit workshop invitation "Healthy Eating Makes the Grade" This invitation was late as we received it past the confirmation date. 	Luisa Alfonso

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Committee Reports	<p><u>Student Council.</u></p> <p>October Halloween Dance was postponed until the first week of November due to weather and power failure. Good attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November – United Way month. Homeroom challenge collecting money. Homeroom challenge collecting clothing and other valuable items for garage sale. • November 27. Garage sale raised about \$1,500(have not finished counting money for an overall total). • Teacher vs Students basketball game. Raised \$468. Very competitive and a lot of fun. • December – Christmas assembly planning for the last day of school before the break. • December 2 – Gr. 7 – 8 leadership conference. Students participate in leadership activities and a student led question/answer. The goal is to demystified high school. 	Suzanne Belcamino
	<p><u>Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 3rd - Student Award Recognition Night with an attendance of more than 400 adults. Student award winners were representative of the school body. • November 22 – Ballet performance by Royal Winnipeg Ballet for all students and a performance in the evening for the community. Very well received. • Student teachers – Good group. Very good feed back and great experience for them. They love the school, the technology and feel welcomed. • P. D. November 26 focused on Professional Learning. Teachers met as a department and then as a school. 	Suzanne Belcamino
	<p><u>Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween for hunger – Huge success! \$25,000 in food raised. Campbell Soup and Shaw Cable offered to match it. The locomotive that they built with the cans was very impressive and it was showed at the Intercity Mall. It was also in the front page of the local paper. • Dr. Vergidis was a guest lecturer and cook in our grade 12 Foods class. He taught how to prepare a healthy meal for students, parents and guests. It was also in the front page of local newspaper. • Mrs. Ailey would like to start the “Be Superior Club – Be Healthier”. This club is to encourage students to eat healthier and be active. • Gryphon Gala – Mr. Naroski working hard for this event on December 10 and 11. It is \$10 a ticket and it will be 3.5 hrs. Last year was sold out both nights. • Union Gas will present a cheque for \$1,800.00 for the breakfast programme. • Dan Turk received \$9,000.00 grant to build a shed for recycling. 1 of 29 who received grant. • Math department received a \$10,000.00 grant from Apple. This is a grant for technology use and all produced material must be shared on the web. 	Wayne Fletcher

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our “Gay and Straight Alliance” is the most active in the city. December 2 the Thunder Bay Symphony will play for an hour at Superior at 10:00 at no cost. • December 2nd and 3rd are immunization days. Students must be up to date with them or they will be sent home. • December 3rd – Staff Christmas party. Healthy activities for children of staff members and Santa will be coming. • December 7, 8 and 9 – Grade 8 visitation from feeder schools. • Last week for Graduation Photos. There will be an opportunity for retakes. • Documentary - Michelle Derosier and David Clement (local filmmakers) are working on a documentary about L. U. Medical School and encouraging aboriginal students to go into the medical field. They needed to find a master of ceremonies and they interviewed nine aboriginal students from Superior for this pay position (\$800). They were very impressed with the response and hired one student. They are thinking of utilizing the rest of these young people for a future project that they have in mind. 	
	<p>Council of Chairs’ Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. • The board has expressed concern about attendance and communication issues. We are unaware of any contact person to receive information. 	
	<p>Budget –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500. School Councils had their budgets reduced considerably this year. Budget in general decreased by 5.5%. Enrolment went up and the school received less money. 	Wayne Fletcher
	<p><u>Home and School Association</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Superior Home and School will be sending the application forms for students to apply for the Citizenship award. Only one student from each grade is able to complete for this award against other students from across Ontario. All participants receive a certificate. Winners are given a cheque, plaque, certificate along with an Ontario Federation of Home and School pin. Winners and their families are invited to attend a dinner and ceremonies being held at the ODHSA conference in 2011”.</i> 	Eugema Ings
Policies and Procedures under Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available on the Board’s website: www.lakeheadschoools.ca 	

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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Safe Schools Committee</u> - The board has mandated that every school must have this committee. Discussion and Questions: Who will sit on the committee? - Parents, a teaching staff, a non teaching staff, an administrator, a member of the community. MOTION: That this council will also serve as “Safe School Committee” MOVED BY: Carol McNeice SECONDED BY: Anita Caruso CARRIED • Bridge Club - Mrs. D’Silva presented the idea of starting this club. The idea came from “Bridge” magazine to write to Mr. Buffett/Gates to get money to learn to play bridge. The hurdle to get over is, “What is bridge”? Is there an appetite for this? How this will benefit students? Mr. Fletcher is willing to send a letter but it might be better to start up bridge/cribbage games clubs first. The council would also like to have a list of clubs and teachers in charge added to school’s website • Food Cards – Mrs. Piccinin. Is this possible? Mr. Fletcher stated that cafeteria dollars are possible but if the student gives the cafeteria \$5.00 cafeteria dollars and only purchases something of a \$1.00 value, the student will receive \$4.00 in change (real money.) It will be interesting to see what will happen with the new healthy food legislation for September 2011. <u>Mr. Fletcher</u> – schools may not have a cafeteria in two years. With new regulations and no training to our cafeteria staff, students may find it easier and cheaper to go across the street to buy “greasy” food. Students will buy from cafeteria if it is cheap and taste good. What can we do? Write a letter of concern to the board concerning this issue on behalf of the School Council. 	
Adjournment	Council adjourned at 9:45	
Next meeting: January 31, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Superior C. & V.I. Seminar Room		