



Record of Decision 2013-01-10

1) Welcome: *by Elizabeth Fetterley, Chair*

- a) In Attendance: Sam Loveridge, Hana Bland, Susan Woodhouse, Connie Jesso, Corrie Hamilton, Jim Elliott, Mike Romain, Jacque Fildes, Miriam Halevy, Nancy Lebrun, Janet Patch, Malia Robin, Allison Lamothe, Kevin Gilmore, Elizabeth Fetterley, Denise McLean, Joyce Blier.

2) Approval of the Record of Decision for 2012-12-06 Meeting - *motioned~Hana, seconded~Miriam, approved~All*

3) Reports

a) Voices (Student) Report - Sam Loveridge

- i) Dance held in December went super well with approximately 250 students attending even without guests. There may be a second dance since the first was so well attended. \$1,500 was donated to CHEO!
- ii) Christmas Assembly, December 21, was amazing!
- iii) Senior Improv have a competition on Wednesday, January 16, and Junior Improv's competition is on Thursday, January 17. Both are being held at the N.A.C. Tickets can be purchased through the Improv Team or Ticketmaster.
- iv) Performance Course performed their play, plus there will be a Shakespearean performance for Valentine's Day.
- v) Spirit Day, January 11, where students are encouraged to wear Cairine Wilson clothing. An after school event will be run by the Link Crew with the \$1.00 admission being donated to charity.

b) Teacher's Report - Malia Robin

- i) Amanda Canham will run a Credit Recovery class during exams, Friday, January 25 - Thursday, January 31
- ii) Rick Sambell and Performance Course will host: "Rent a Shakespearean Actor" for Valentine's Day. A student will perform a sonnet for a donation.

c) Principal's Report - Kevin Gilmore

- i) Christmas Assembly was mainly organised by the students, and even though Friday, December 21, was declared a snow day, the assembly was extremely well attended. It proved, once again, to be one of the most popular events held.
- ii) Prom Committee will be performing a flash mob in the cafeteria on Monday, January 14. They will run periodic events and fund raisers leading up to prom.
- iii) Dates to Remember:
 - (1) Friday, January 25 - Exams begin. Tips for Successful Exams: rest, good balance between studying and leisure activities, physical activity such as sports as opposed to excess busyness. Be aware of exam schedule.
 - (2) Friday, February 1 - New Semester begins. There will be a Grade 8 Parent Information Night in February.
 - (3) March 11 - 15 - March Break
 - (4) March 29 - April 1 - Easter

- iv) Athletics: boys basketball team is undefeated in their season thus far. Hockey has both boys and girls on the team, and is also doing well. February 1 is the next deadline to apply for coaching a team. Up-coming sports are: Jr. boys and Jr. girls volleyball, Jr. and Sr. badminton. The need for volunteers will be advertised on the website, Facebook, voice mail, and gmail via Elizabeth Fetterley. It is possible that not all teams will be able to begin due to staffing shortages. Principal Gilmore praised the student body for their efforts at organising, set-up, and cleaning at events that they take on.
 - v) Improv Teams are terrific and running well under the direction of Mr. David Loveridge. Cappies are not possible this year at Cairine due to lack of staff support.
 - vi) Staffing Changes: Ms. Jamie Tweedy has resigned 1/2 of her position, Ms. Amanda Canham, Ms. Jen Abma
 - vii) Labour Dispute: On January 2, 2013, the Ontario cabinet imposed the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into on July 5, 2012. The contracts imposed by government expire August 31, 2014. Teachers have always had the right not to do extra curricular activities, but it is hoped that they will now begin to participate as it is these activities that make a school vibrant and alive. Most teachers in the past have chosen to participate. The union has reminded teachers that they do not have to go beyond their school day. It is too soon to say how teachers will respond. Our teachers did a great job in the classrooms in the fall semester. We will have to wait and see if some programs such as Literacy Partners will continue.
 - viii) Highlights of "Question and Answer" with Principal Gilmore: If students were to leave Cairine Wilson for the Catholic Board it could result in fewer teachers at Cairine (market share). It is very unfortunate for those students who have lost their favourite sports and extra curricular teams this year. How can parents encourage teachers to volunteer, and to let the teachers know that the students value them and miss them in a coaching capacity?
- d) Financial Report - *Treasurer Donata Leuenberger absent*. Report read by Elizabeth Fetterley
- i) Recap of H.O.S.T. program begun by Richard Lussier. Excerpts from recipients' letters shared. *Motioned~E. Fetterley to donate \$500 to H.O.S.T. fund. Unanimous - Motion Carried*
- 4) Action Items
- a) Grade 8 Night - We need to find out how many teachers will be available. Parent Council will provide the refreshments if needed.
 - b) Kevin to get an update from the Graduation Committee as to what they are planning, and what they think their expenses may be. The Prom is run independently from the school.
 - c) P.R.O. (Parents Reaching Out) - *Denise and Corinne are unavailable tonight* The theme of their next presentation was to be on bullying. Perhaps it could be oriented toward teaching volunteers what the procedure would be if parents wish to participate in coaching or helping out at the school.
- 5) New Business
- a) Spring funding - deferred until the next meeting.
 - b) *Our next meeting will be held one day earlier on the Wednesday due to a conflict with the Grade 8 night on our regular Thursday evening meeting date.*
- 6) Adjournment - 8:45 PM to allow council to visit the Outdoor Education class camping overnight at Cairine.

Thanks to all Council Members for your time and effort