

BAYSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

School Council Minutes

November 25, 2009

Present: Mitch Lauzon, Janice Coady, Bev Denyes, Evelyn Edwards, Mac MacGillivray, John Reid, Grant Montgomery, Paul Pickard, Jessica Francis, Diana Lauzon

Regrets: Janet Bush, Eve Jelley

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome to returning members and new vice-principal Paul Pickard.

2. **Review of Previous Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved. There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

3. **Literacy Presentation**

Jessica Francis did a presentation about the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The OSSLT tests Reading and Writing skills in grade 10. More details about the OSSLT can be found at www.egao.com. The following supports are in place for students at BSS: Diagnostic Testing, MSIP Literacy Assistance Program, Reading Ahead Program, After-School Literacy, and Grade 10 Applied English Unit. The Premier reading software has been installed on all the computers in the school. We are in the early stages of implementation of this software.

Contact Jessica Francis for more information: 613-966-2922 x2151

4. **Second Microwave for the Cafeteria**

A new microwave has been ordered and will arrive shortly.

5. **Facebook page for Parents**

Is there a need for a Bayside parent communication tool? Is Facebook the place to do this? Evelyn will create a Facebook page for parents. School administration is supportive of the concept. When page is set up, Evelyn will work with Grant to communicate to parents.

6. **Principal's Report**

-Culminating activity schedule begins Thursday January 21, 2010. Snow days cause the schedule to be pushed back one day.

-Remembrance Day assembly – Multimedia presentation

-Santa Claus Parades – Stirling and Frankford

-Reindeer Hunt – Begins on Monday Nov. 30

-Grade 8-9 Transition Activities are beginning – John Draper will be coming in December, another speaker may come in February.

-21st Century Learning – We are expanding our focus on the use of technology to expand the scope of our teaching and learning.

-Exemplars – We are collecting exemplars from many classes to show on the website and course calendar.

UPCOMING DATES: P.A. Day Feb 1, Winter Break December 18 – January 4.

7. **New Business**

School Website – The new school website (<http://edu.hpedsb.on.ca/bss>) has been launched. Special thanks to John Reid who has worked for countless hours preparing the site. Email your comments to gmontgomery@hpedsb.on.ca

SmartBoards – Preparatory work is underway for seven more SmartBoards.

Correspondence: People for Education Newsletter

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm . The next meeting will be Wed. Jan. 20th.