

# BAYSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

## School Council Meeting Notes

January 19, 2011

**Present:** Mitch Lauzon, Diana Lauzon, Janice Coady, Maryse Bisson, John Reid, Monica Reid, Shirley Gearns, Mac MacGillivray, Grant Montgomery, Paul Pickard, Evelyn Edwards, Eve Jelley, Janet Bush, Arlene Ravensbergen

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

### 2. Review of Previous Meeting

Notes were reviewed and approved. We are going to have a session about Premier At Home at the next school council meeting. We will extend an invitation to all parents to attend.

### 3. School Council Items

- Premier's awards for teaching excellence brochures were distributed.
- Diana presented an overview of the last Parent Involvement committee. (topics included: Health Unit, BIPSA, How to engage more parents, school fees)

### 4. Principal's Report

**MADD** – A presentation on impaired driving was given to the whole school in early December.

**School Fees** – We are in the process of reviewing fees based on the new Ministry guidelines.

**Health Unit** – Free dental screening for students was held early in December.

**Staff Room** – Changes are nearly completed (painting, flooring, furniture, computers and decorations). These improvements have been achieved at minimal cost.

**Christmas Sharing** – We were able to deliver over 40 baskets.

**Feeder School Transitions** – We held school visits last week. We have introduced our new enrichment program called "high school 2.0". This will start with next year's grade 9 students.

**New Registrations** – We are currently registering new students.

**Mobile Computers** – Students and staff are continuing to increase the use of the wireless internet.

**Christian McLary** – Was selected to be on the Minister's Advisor Council on Special Education.

**Late Bussing** – The board has approved late bussing. If 15 students sign up we will be able to have a bus take students home at 5 pm.

**2011-12 School Year Calendar** – There was significant discussion around this topic. Feedback was collected that will be submitted to the school board administrators. Grant will email the details to those who are not able to attend.

#### Calendar Discussion Notes:

**Christmas Holidays** – *There was some discussion about not ending school on a Friday and starting a Monday. Returning the day after new years is going to be hard for Military families. Some members suggested a mid-week to mid-week break (eg, Dec. 20 – January 4). Some were satisfied with the proposed modification. Starting the break on Dec. 24 has happened in the past.*

**Examination Days** – *We have traditionally had up to 3 "turn around" days. Next year with the proposed calendar, we will almost certainly have to move graduation to October or we would have to double up exams. We may not be able hold a June graduation in either case. The end of semester 1 schedule is very busy to complete marking, processing and promotion meetings. It will be extremely difficult next year with this calendar.*

*There was mixed support for an October graduation.*

*There was discussion about having 2 exams in one day. Some comments included: "My son couldn't cope with 2 exams in one day"*

*"My wife and I have high expectations and I don't want them to have in one day." "I don't know how my grade 9 student would manage studying for 2 in one day." "What about the identified students?" "We also have international students who require significant extra time to complete exams."*

*It was suggested that the February PA day be moved to February 6.*

**Tri-Board** – *This is a calendar that affects three school boards.*

### 5. UPCOMING DATES:

**FCA's / Exams** will be held January 25 – 31, 2011.

**Grade 8 Orientation** will be held February 1, 2011.

**Grade 7 & 8 Dance** will be held February 2, 2011.

### 6. New Business

There was a short presentation in the library about the school web site.

### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm. The next meeting will be Wed. March. 2nd.