

**BDHS School Council - Jan. 14, 2010**  
**Minutes**

Attendance: M. Sherman, Principal, J. Cartier, Council Chair, G. Russell, Recording Secretary, T. Toll, K. Sullivan, Teacher Rep., T. Velinou, G. Snobelen, A. Montgomery, A. Nanni, C. Evans, L. Bartlett, L. McEwan

Call to Order: 7:00

1. **Welcome**: Conducted by Jane Cartier
2. **Minutes from Last Meeting Nov. 12/09**: Approved
3. **Student Report**:

**SAA-Shawn Cartier**

- Intra-mural volleyball- fee \$1./person- winning team receive t-shirts
- Preparing for Student Athletic Banquet- not running auction this year as no major funds are required

**Student Council- Susan Snobelen**

- Semi-formal in Dec. was a success
- Planning for "I-Flirt"- matching questionnaire- proceeds to Heart & Stroke
- Up-coming auction of grads for services ie. carrying books- proceeds to purchase a "well" for another country
- Assistance for Haiti- too recent for planning (NB. Since meeting, SC has decided to join Pain Court challenge for Haitian fund-raising until Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- 12 to 12 charity- students must raise \$25. to participate- replacing Relay for Life
- Canned drive received over 1000 cans
- Spring Fling planned for May- all grades welcome to attend

4. **Staff Report**: S. Sullivan

- People For Education survey on-line-deadline Jan. 31/10  
[www.peopleforeducation.com](http://www.peopleforeducation.com) or BDHS website to complete the survey
- Drama will be performing 2 plays this year for Sears Drama Fest- public performance Feb. 19/10-cost at door, if any, TBD
- Pathway Planning for grades 9 & 10
- Course selections –on-line mid-Feb.-guidance will support students with this
- Heart Group-via Student Services is running, discusses self-esteem and healthy relationships

5. **Principal's Report**: M. Sherman

- a) Open House: Took place Jan 13<sup>th</sup>,
  - New format well received.
  - tour with students and parents together, shorter talk to all to open evening
- b) E-training: more compulsory staff training being done in this format
  - Accessibility Standards- to be completed by Jan.31/10 by staff
  - Workplace Violence Prevention training – due by same date

- c) School Budgets and Goals:
- Materials and supplies cut by 10%, Capital decrease by 14%
  - 2 electronic display screens to be installed in front hall and upper hallway.
  - Athletic Hall renovations hope to be completed this year – plans done, asking for tenders / quotes
- d) PA Schedule- Feb.1/10:
- Feb. 2/10- presentation by Tom Maerz on his Ottawa for Educators conference
  - Presentation by Carol Scott on e-learning resources and Google applications for teachers
- e) Wireless School Initiative:
- BDHS will be the pilot for wireless classrooms and Netbooks , (NEW: senior admin has approved and will absorb major costs.) – hope to have running before March Break
- f) Physical Plant:
- Energy Conservation Audit- lighting systems required up-dating- sensors have been installed with 20 minute time delay
  - Men's athletic office and storage room have been painted
- g) Exam Schedule:
- Posted on web-site, one exam per day/ teacher supervises own exam
  - Bus schedule does not alter
    - Bus Delay by two hours means we write on the same day at 10:15 not 8:15
    - Bus Cancellation – means whole schedule moves back one day ie. Monday cancellation means we write those exams on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wed and so on.
- h) Semester 2 Staffing:
- Peter Jacques- technology replacing Mr. Bureau
  - Mark Bunning- student success and science
  - Brenda Wood- 6 weeks math- replacing C. Pennell
- 6. Power point Presentation: Supporting Success Strategies**  
(via Ruth Mattingley- Oct. 24/09 event)
- held over to next meeting

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**7. Commencement Timing: discussion Oct. vs. June**

**Pros of Fall**

**Pro's of June**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-moved to Friday – weekend was better</li> <li>-awards are accurate – fair to all</li> <li>-local community members have arranged the selection process to work with Fall date</li> <li>-staff has time to prepare</li> <li>-\$55,000 worth of awards are available second highest in LKDSB</li> <li>-students return home – reunion parties</li> <li>-some awards conditional to post-sec choices – can be confirmed by fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- greater % of attendance in June by students</li> <li>-more immediate closure at end of June, timely</li> <li>-Valedictorian speech more timely in June</li> <li>-cost to travel to attend in Fall not an issue to grads (ie. Those studying farther away)</li> <li>-more in line with other schools chosen dates</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-some students (approx 20%) do not attend</li> <li>-some parents prefer earlier date</li> <li>-would take 18 month transfer to change</li> <li>-some staff will not be able to make it on the Friday night of Thanksgiving Weekend</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-rushed to make decisions on awards since no extra time given between exams and Grad date. (ie. Very next day)</li> <li>-some donors may chose not to contribute</li> <li>-one year awards need to be doubled (IE. Fall and Spring awards)</li> <li>-guidance staff cannot do in June, would need separate staff team to accomplish</li> <li>-heat / venue issue in June</li> <li>-some awards cannot be awarded in June – would have to do later. I.e. have choice conditions</li> </ul>

**Other Possible Options**

- hollow tube approach- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June, everyone crosses the stage for a photo op – actual diploma's received later
- separate awards night in the fall
- mail and post awards in paper, do not have community members present awards
- complete exams and grad ceremony the next day – accept there will be some mistakes, omissions and probably a lesser amount of \$ value awards.

**Council agrees with continuing to hold graduation ceremonies in the fall on the Friday before Thanksgiving weekend.**

-main thoughts were: If it is only about having a ritual for graduation, where everyone gets their moment to cross the stage then June is doable. If we wish to continue the large scale awards with local Community Involvement then the Fall date is preferred.

**8. Newspaper Article:** M. Sherman and J. Cartier

- Josette DeBrouwer will meet with Jane to edit articles

**9. Health and Safety:** M. Sherman

- Additional exterior lights have been installed at the south entrance
- Standing water tests for BDHS have been good: new gov't standards means we can go to once a week flushing – saving time and money.

**10. Special Education:** M. Sherman

- Peer Leadership Course – involving DD/MF class has been well received.
- More outside field trips have occurred.

**11. Other Items:**

- Study Hall- supervised, however no instruction, but work packages are monitored for completion
- Supply Teachers- brought in for longer term absences to ensure continuity or with advance notice of teacher absence of three days. Also some central events ensure monies for supply teacher coverage.

12 . **Next Meeting:** Thursday Feb. 11, 2010 @ 7:00

Meeting adjourned: 8:35