



Annual Report 2015-2016

Sherwood Mills Public School

We would like to thank all the parents for their involvement in the 2015-2016 School Council. Your time and dedication to the school was greatly appreciated. Everything we do is to promote student success and we would like to encourage all parents to attend the School Council Meetings during the new school year.

Members of the 2015-2016 School Council

The following people were participants of the School Council

Chair: Quyen Hoang

Secretary: Anu Thind

Parent Member: Gunjan Mathkar

Teacher Representative(s) (Rotating Members, holding one position): Vivian Mazzocco, Bitu Watts

Community Representative: Donna Pham

Principal: Margaret Patterson

Vice Principal: Melissa Proctor

As Chair and Principal, we enjoyed working with the parents, staff, and administration.

2015-2016 Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Place
December 2	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	School Library
January 28	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	School Library
February 24	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	School Library
March 31	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	School Library
May 5	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	School Library

School Council Highlights

“Talk to Me”: Parent Workshop, presenter – Kate Jones
Active Chefs: Nutritious Interactive Multicultural Family Night

April 5
April 14

2016-2017 Meeting Dates

The first meeting of the year will tentatively be on Thursday, September 29th, 2016.
All future meeting dates will be set on that day.

Finances

*The Sherwood Mills School Council
Sources and Uses of Operation Funds for the Year Ended August 31, 2016*

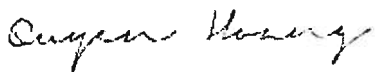
Operating Cash on Hand at the Beginning of the Period (September 1, 2015)	\$0.00
Parent Engagement Fund	\$500.00
School PRO Grant	\$1,000.00
Total	\$1,500.00

Expenditures

Less “Talk to Me” Parent Workshop	-\$500
Less Guest Active Chefs Family Night	-\$1,000.00

Operating Cash on Hand period ending August 31, 2016 **\$0.00**

Sincerely,



Quyen Hoang
Chair



Margaret Patterson
Principal

**Sherwood Mills Public School
School Council
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Library**

Minutes of Meeting

Attendance:

Parents: Quyen Hoang, Gunjan Mathkar

Community Rep: Donna Pham (MSEP worker)

School Staff: Margaret Patterson (P), Melissa Proctor (VP), Bitu Watts (teacher) and Vivian Mazzocco (teacher)

A) Approval of agenda – did not have quorum

B) New Business

Election of School Council Chair and secretary
Did not take place due to lack of quorum
Bylaws not discussed

Meeting Dates for 2015 – 2016
Not established for year – suggested - next meeting Jan. 21

Parent Reaching out Grant (\$1000.00)
Quyen to follow up

Parent Engagement (\$500.00)
Suggestion of Kate Jones – Marg to contact Kate with possible availability
Topic to be finalized at a later meeting

C) Principal's Report

Communication

- School Newsletter posted on school website by the 1st of every month
- Class newsletters sent home monthly or on class website
- Synervoice – calls to every family highlighting important information
- Classroom teacher is always available to discuss concerns – contact via phone, agenda

School Success

- Progress Reports going home December 14th
- Health Curriculum – Parent flyer
Distributed to all grade 1 – 5 students
Highlights the expectations that will be taught in the Spring
Parents will be notified via letter 2 weeks prior to lessons being taught

Parent concerns regarding content can be addressed through classroom teacher or Administration

D) Miscellaneous

- Salvation Army Food Drive (December 1-17)
- Intramurals (e.g., Basketball clinic) and various Clubs have begun during e-breaks for the students (e.g., Harry Potter, Math Club, Girls on the Go, Fitness Friends Etc.)
- Remembrance Day Assembly – excellent, solemn occasion, choir sang songs of peace as well as students from various grade levels shared their postcard for peace.
- Lunch Program: - Lunch Pails –will begin on Thursday, December 3rd and continue throughout the year
- Dental Screening for JK, SK, 2 and 4 – parents will be notified if student follow- up is required
- Grade 2 classes had Scientist in the Classroom program
- First School Wide Performance from Canadian Opera Company – focus on character development.

Next Meeting: January 21st, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Library

**Sherwood Mills Public School
School Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan 28th, 2016
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Library**

Minutes of Meeting

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Quorum was present.

Welcome and opening comments – Margaret Patterson (P)

Chairperson: Qyuen Hoang

Members Present:

Parents – Qyuen Hoang, Anu Thind, Gunjan Mathkar, Darshana, Sujith S

Community Rep - Donna Pham (MSEP Worker)

Sherwood Mills Staff – Margaret Patterson (P), Melissa Proctor (VP), Vivian Mazzocco (Teacher)

Welcome and Introductions:

School council members, Sherwood Mills's staff and guests introduced themselves. Ms. Patterson advised that Minutes of school council meetings will be posted on School Website for review by the parents not present at the meeting and parents can contact any of the members present at the meeting to discuss.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes and Agenda:

Current agenda and previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by Sherwood Mills staff, Members and Parents present.

New Business and Discussions

Principal Report – Margaret Patterson

Election of School Council Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary:

- Qyuen Hoang was selected as Chair Person based on her valuable contribution to the School Council for past few years.
- Gunjan Mathkar and Anu Thind volunteered to act as Co-Chair in case of Qyuen's absence in any subsequent meeting. Anu Thind volunteered to act as Secretary in subsequent meetings fulfilling the responsibility to take minutes.

School Council By-Laws:

- Ms. Patterson distributed School Council By-laws to be reviewed by all the members and encouraged to discuss any questions and concerns in next meeting.

Multicultural Night:

- Qyuen has explored various options to use the Parent Reaching Out Grant of \$1,000 to have an experimental and interactive evening between parents and children and advised to hold a Multicultural night in the session of 2015-2016.
- Sherwood Mills will hold a multicultural night in partnership **Active Chefs**. **Active Chefs** is a Canadian not-for-profit organization promoting health and well-being of children by offering experiential learning, healthy eating, active living, multiculturalism and family engagement.
- Multicultural night will be held in April, 2016. Date will be decided in the next meeting. School council will pick 4 countries. Parents and children will work together in teams to prepare recipes to do the prep work by sampling from food items from those 4 countries.
- Cost is approximately \$15.00 per head, but Pro-Grant will cover the first \$1000. It is advisable to charge parents to cover the remaining cost not covered by the grant to assure the full attendance in order to utilize the food prepared. Minimum 40 people (including adults and children) are required with a cap of maximum 120 people.

Progress Report Cards:

- Progress Report cards for Kindergarten getting ready to send out on Jan 29th and for other grades will be going home on Feb 12th.

Steelheads Hockey Night:

- Students from Grade 4 & 5 Choir to perform before Steelheads game in Hershey Center on Feb 5th.
- Hockey night in past years has proved to be a great community builder and is considered a fun event for students, parents and teachers from Sherwood School community.

Extra PD Day:

- Under new teacher's collective agreement, an extra Professional Development Day has been added to the year for April 11th and mandated by the Ministry.
- PD day will focus on development of Math, Numeracy, Problem Solving, Health and Safety guidelines by Ministry of Labor.

Parents Conference Day:

- Information going home to parents about Parent Conference happening at Rick Hansen Public School on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, with topics focused on Numeracy and Beyond.
- Parents will have the opportunity to go online and pick the various workshops they would like to attend. It is put up by Staff, Teachers and Co-coordinators of Peel District School Board.

Parent Engagement Fund:

- Every year School Council is given \$500 for Parent Engagement Fund, which must be spent by the end of May; otherwise the grant is lost for the year.
- In prior meeting, based on a discussion about using the fund appropriately, it was decided that Ms. Patterson will contact Kate Jones for availability to be the Guest Speaker at Sherwood Mills to provide an informative and interactive workshop based on parenting skills.
- Ms. Kate Jones from Kate Jones and Associates offers interactive and engaging sessions based on a proven personality theory. Kate Jones and associates have been providing these workshops over the last 12 years and has enhanced self-awareness.
- Ms Kate has been booked tentatively for the evening of Thursday, April 28th from 6:30 to 8:30. School Council will review the variety of topics provided. The final topic to be presented will be decided by the next meeting.

Principal/VP Consultation Forms:

- School council and parents provided feedback about skills and abilities to be seen for Principal/VP through Consultation Forms.
- This process is carried out every year to forward information to the Superintendent to make a well-informed decision about the movement of staff.

Adjournment: 7:30 p. m

Next Meeting Date: February 25th, 2016

Start Time: 6:30 p.m. Sherwood Mills Public School
Library

Minutes submitted by Anu Thind, CPA, CGA

**SHERWOOD MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 24, 2016**

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes

School Sharing

- OFIP: Teachers involvement on Number Talk
- Steelheads Anthem night: February 5, 201
- Grade 1 went to Peel Safety Village
- Police Presentations
- Scientists in the School: grades 1 and 4
- Rick Hansen Coop students: 5 starting this week
- Wacky Hair Day: Friday, February 25, 2016

New Business

- PRO Grant: Active Chefs: **Thursday, April 14, 2016 6:30pm**
 - Choice of the four countries/dishes

Greek Pasta	Greek Vegetable Salad	Chinese Noodles
Italian Pasta	Italian Panzanella Bread Salad	Calypso Pineapple Bean Pot
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Middle Easter Pita Salad	Fruit Salad
Thai Noodles	Thai Fruit Salad	Filipino Potato Salad
Indian Basmati Rice Salad	Indian Harvest Corn Salad	Indian Fruit Cream
Moroccan Couscous	Mexican Rice, Black Bean and Corn	German Potato Salad

- Kate Jones: **April 28, 2016- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
 - Personality categories for children: GOLD – “organizer”, BLUE – “emotional”, GREEN – “adventurous”, ORANGE – “partier”
 - Topics:
 1. **“Understanding My Kid’s Behaviour”**: parenting types in correspondence to child’s personality
 2. **“Stressed Out”**: stresses for the personality types and how to alleviate
 3. **“Homework Wars”**: Different strategies for coping with different personality types when dealing with homework
 4. **“Talk to Me”**: Taking a look at the four personalities types and how it relates to being introverts (“innies”), or extroverts (“outies”)
 5. **“Raising Positive Kids**: Positive psychology – the science of happiness, helping to thrive at home and school
- Discuss topics for PRO Grant 2016-2017: Due May 29, 2016

Adjournment



Sherwood Mills Public School families are invited to come and enjoy an evening out with your school community at the ActiveChefs Event.

This engaging evening of fun, interactive & hands-on experience for the whole family aims to promote the importance of healthy eating & healthy living and celebrate our diversity by 'making and tasting' foods from different countries!

OPTION 1 - If you don't want to exceed \$1000.

Date / Time	Location	Fee / Cost
Thursday, April 14, 2016 (6:30pm - 8:00pm)	Sherwood Mills Public School (Gym)	N/A - Fee is subsidized by ActiveChefs and additional cost covered by PRO Grant

* FREE Registration will be offered on first come, first served basis *

** Limited Space (66 participants max. will be accepted) **

OR OPTION 2 - If you want to charge the families

Date / Time	Location	Fee / Cost
Thursday, April 14, 2016 (6:30pm - 8:00pm)	Sherwood Mills Public School (Gym)	\$___/head/ family Program partially subsidized by ActiveChefs and PRO Grant

** Limited Space (120 participants max. will be accepted) **

**** All recipes are completely nut-free ****

Note: If you are accepted and cannot attend – please let the school know.

ActiveChefs is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting health and well-being of children. Our programs offer experiential learning emphasizing healthy eating, nutrition, cooking skills, active living, multiculturalism, family engagement and community building. Our fundraising activities enable us to offer free and subsidized programs so that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate, learn important life skills and promotes greater socio-economic inclusion.

ActiveChefs - A Not-For-Profit Organization | T: 289-644-8090 | info@activechefs.ca | www.ActiveChefs.ca

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RSVP due by _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Number of children (aged 5 or more) attending: _____

Number of children (aged 4 or under) attending: _____

Total Participants (excluding children aged 4 or under): _____

**Sherwood Mills Public School
School Council Meeting
Thursday, March 31st, 2016
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Library**

Minutes of Meeting

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Welcome and opening comments – Margaret Patterson (P)

Chairperson: Quyen Hoang

Members Present:

Council Member: Quyen Hoang, Anu Thind, Gunjan Mathkar

Parents – Quyen Hoang, Anu Thind, Gunjan Mathkar

Community Rep - Donna Pham (MSEP Worker)

Sherwood Mills Staff – Margaret Patterson (P), Bitu Watts

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New Business and Discussions

Principal Report – Margaret Patterson

Active Chef Night and Book Fair– April 14th

Grade 5 Musical – Earth Day theme April 21st

Kate Jones “Talk to Me” Parent Workshop – April 28th

PD Day-April 11th

- PD Day on April 11th to be divided into two sections – Professional development on Occupational Health and Safety and Board priority in Numeracy.

Grade 3 EQAO Testing

Grade 3 EQAO Testing will be held between May 25th to June 8th. Grade 3 students are being prepared for EQAO testing since start of the session and strongly encouraged to be present during EQAO testing period.

Staffing for September

Teachers were given tentative assignment before March Break. Every school provides Teachers with opportunity for movement between 193 schools in Peel region. Sherwood Mills will be hiring for ASD/DD Teacher for Special Education classroom for autistic and developmentally challenged children.

Annual School Year Budget

To guide the Peel Board in the development of its 2016-2017 school year budget, Peel District Trustees and Superintendents are seeking input from staff, parents, students and community members. To provide input, individuals may provide input through School Council or complete a brief online survey available on Peel District School Board website by May 13, 2016.

Parent Engagement Fund:

Every year School Council is given \$500 for Parent Engagement Fund, which must be spent by the end of May; otherwise the grant is lost for the year. This years Fund is being used for Kate Jones night, which is scheduled for April 28th, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30. School Council has selected "Talk to Me" topic out of variety of topics provided. Invitation to the schools in neighbor area has been sent.

PRO Grant – Parent Reaching Out grant:

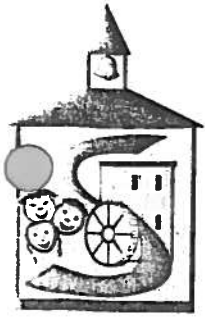
PRO Grant Application has been issued to schools to apply for 2016-2017 PRO Grant. PRO Grant helps parent to be more involved with their child's education. It can be used for various kinds of workshops and activities including Healthy Recipe book, Technology night, Math night, Lending Library and delivered in a way that a mass majority of parents can be reached either through Speakers or Books. After reviewing different Topics, School Council is considering circulating a Family Math Backpack in every classroom starting in the new school year of 2016-2017. Every student will get an opportunity to take the Backpack home once with a sample letter with instructions and perform the activities with their family members.

Adjournment: 7:30 p. m

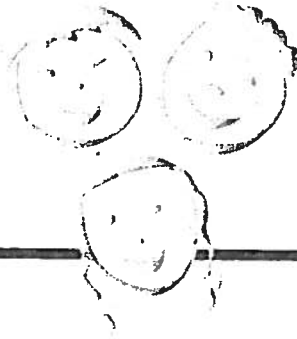
Next Meeting Date: May 5th, 2016

Start Time: 6:30 p.m. Sherwood Mills Public School
Library

Minutes submitted by Anu Thind, CPA, CGA



**Sherwood Mills
Public School**



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Sherwood Mills School Council Presents

“Talk to Me”

By
Kate Jones
Learn Strategies for Talking to Your Child

The Details

Date: Thursday, April 28th, 2016

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Sherwood Mills PS Gym

Special Notes: Babysitting will be provided for children
six years of age or older

Please complete the section below and return to the School’s main
office by **April 18th**

Name of School: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____

Babysitting Required for Ages: _____

**Sherwood Mills Public School
School Council Meeting
Thursday, May 5th, 2016
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Library**

Minutes of Meeting

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Welcome and opening comments – Margaret Patterson (P)

Chairperson: Quyen Hoang

Members Present:

Council Member: Quyen Hoang, Anu Thind, Gunjan Mathkar

Parents – Quyen Hoang, Anu Thind, Gunjan Mathkar, Mumtaz Khan

Staff Rep: – Vivian Mazzocco

Community Rep: Donna Pham (MSEP)

Sherwood Mills Staff – Margaret Patterson (P), Melissa Proctor

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New Business and Discussions

Principal Report – Margaret Patterson

Health Curriculum: All Ontario schools have begun to teach the updated HPE curriculum, providing students with current and factual information. At Sherwood Mills all grades will have had access to the Health Curriculum that is pertinent to their grade level during May and June.

Based on the topics discussed, some parents have asked for accommodations for their children during this health class. Accommodations are allowed if Parents are not comfortable with the sexual terminology being used. However, if Parents are not comfortable with the Human Right aspects, accommodations will not be granted as they are part of our board inclusion policy. Students who are accommodated will not receive extra work from the physical education department. They will be relocated to another class that is not receiving Health at that time and need to bring work that they can work

on independently. Parents also have the choice to pick up their children during the lesson and drop off after the lesson is finished.

A Communication letter will be going home regarding the dates for the lessons to be delivered in classrooms. The letters will include a disclaimer for Parents to request accommodations and have a discussion with the Principal.

Drama Dance Performance: May 5th

A Dance Performance was held at Sherwood Mills on May 5th by a South Indian Dance Group. The group performed story telling through movement, rhythm and dance based on a theme of character attributes and friendship.

Curtis Chow Walk – May 6th

Curtis Chow walk has been a tradition at Sherwood Mills Public School in partnership with Fallingbrook Middle School. The walk is dedicated to a former student in the school, who lost his life due to Brain Cancer. This year close to \$10,000 has been collected and donated to Sick Kids Hospital.

Grade 3 EQAO Testing

Grade 3 EQAO Testing will be held between May 25th to June 8th. Grade 3 students have been preparing for EQAO testing since the start of school. Students are strongly encouraged to be present during the EQAO testing period.

Fallingbrook Trip: May 25th

Grade 5 Students will be going to Fallingbrook Middle School on May 25th for grade 6 orientation. A parent session is scheduled on the same day from 5:30 to 6:30 in the evening.

Award of Distinction:

Amanda Smek, ASD/DD teacher has been awarded with the Award of Distinction as an Outstanding Educator based on the nomination by the Staff for all of her extra contributions.

Welcome to Kindergarten Night: Thursday, May 26th

Graduation Day: Tuesday, June 28th

Last Day of School: Thursday, June 30th

Adjournment: 7:30 p. m

September Meeting tentatively booked for Thursday, September 29th.

Minutes submitted by Anu Thind, CPA, CGA