

**Olds Junior/Senior High School Parent Council Meeting**

**November 30, 2009**

**7:00 p.m. at Bell E Learning Centre**

1. **Call to Order**: at 7:08 by Mary Turner, Chair.

**Present-** Kathy Owens, Mary Turner, Clinor Layden, Gayleen Roelfsema, Doug Shaw, Tom Christensen, Heather Venneman

2. **Adoption of Minutes** of October 26, 2009 meeting:

Noted a misspelling of Gayleen's name on page 2.

Motion by Kathy Owens to adopt as amended. Carried

3. **Correspondence**:

i) **Joint Council Meeting**

Sue Block is attending the Joint Council Meeting this Wednesday, Dec. 2/09. On the agenda is asking what priorities are for the education system in the midst of budget cuts.

ii) **Letter to Learner Assessment** re: Diploma Exam Schedule.

Mary Turner shared with members present a letter she wrote in regards to Chem 30 Diploma and Math 30 Diploma being written on the same day and concerns regarding having 2 academically challenging examinations on the same day.

4. **Old Business**:

i) **Festival of Trees.**

Seemed to go well. There was a lower turnout this year on the Friday because of the nasty weather, therefore bidding prices on the trees were lower than hoped. Suggestion was to have the viewing and voting on the trees on the Friday with bidding on Saturday.

ii) **Memorabilia Showcase-**

Tom suggests a committee be established who's objective would be to collect and showcase 'old school' memorabilia in a trophy case in the CLC. Elinor will speak with a parent regarding this. This memorabilia would be in a trophy case on the stairwell.

### **iii) Parent/Teacher Interviews in Quads**

Tom asked for feedback regarding how to increase parent attendance at Parent/Teacher interviews. Interviews will probably be held after 'we' move in March/April. Will probably have teachers in their Quads so parents become familiar with their child's space at the school. Teachers in the Fine Arts building will remain there, but teachers from shop and the E Bell will come into the CLC.

## **5. New Business:**

### **i) Three Year Plan**

Tom presented the school's 3 Year Plan with emphasis on the issues that have been identified (pgs 9/10 of document). This is available in the schools' website at [www.oldshigh.com](http://www.oldshigh.com)

### **ii) Transition Ideas to new Building.**

What do we need to do in regards to the move. We aren't taking a lot of 'stuff' with us, therefore it would be a responsible choice to have an auction of desks, chairs etc.... Need to organize an auction for the end of January. Items that will be auctioned will be gathered in the gym as soon as we are able to utilize the gym up at the CLC.

Need to use substitute teachers to supervise exams so the regular staff can use the time to move up to the CLC.

A video will be produced to be used as an orientation to the CLC (rule for quads, fitness center, parking.....) and shown to students and be available to all on the website.

Grand opening will be at the end'ish of April.

### **iii) Olds College Pathway program.**

A program that will be offered to Grade 11 and 12 students in which they can integrate a 1 year college certificate (from Olds College) into their high school schedule and be finished in April of their Graduating year.

### **iv) Drama Production: Willy Wonka.**

Dec 4-6 and Dec 11-13. It's awesome! Tickets on sale now at the High School.

6. CLC Report:

Still on track for Feb 2/10.

7. Student Council Rep Report:

Not presently available

8. Principal's Report:

No more than already discussed in the meeting already.

9. Grade reps: concerns amongst the grade; students/parents/teachers.

None noted.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Christmas Social, at Roelfsema's.

Dec 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Roelfsema's. Please  
RSVP to Mary Turner asap.

12. Adjourn Meeting: at 8:10 p.m.