

**GLENFOREST SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Jo Anne and Steve Hogg, Elaine Gonneau, Greg Mcphee, Abraham Azad, Ram Kumar, Balora Maitland Francis, Don McTavish, Melinda Nagy, Dean Salamath, Kathie Meikle, Pamela Goh, Lorraine Bissell, Linda Harrison, Annette Lawrence, Gail Middleton, Kathy Narraway, Nora Kong

Balora started the ball rolling by welcoming all those present for the meeting

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes for February 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and accepted. Motion by Elaine and seconded by Steve.

**SAC REPORT:** Stacey

**May 26** will be Spirit day. Carnival has been replaced by Spirit day. Each club will be participating in their own events and will consist of 4 members per group.

**May 26** is Wonder grad day, where Grade 12 students will go to Wonderland

**May 30** is Art show. This will be the very first art show and will be held in the auditorium. The timing is from 5 PM to 9 PM.

**June 1** is the Teachers Appreciation breakfast. Volunteers are requested to contact Linda for helping out with the arrangements. Action plans have been identified and delegated to different people. Volunteers who have provided names to Linda to report by 6.45AM on June 1<sup>st</sup>

**June 27** is Prom night. Elections to the school council is coming up, the exact date TBD. There are 4 positions available. Nominations are through secret ballots.

**Report on Volunteer Fair on May 3**

- 8 agencies participated including Women's shelter, Sunrise Assisted living etc.
- Excellent support from school custodians and cafeteria staff
- Groovy poster attracted all
- Evaluation forms were made available, movie ticket was one of the prizes
- Agencies have shown their interest to come back

Kathy clarified that volunteer requirements are 40 hours for regular classes and 150 hours for IB students. IB students can start volunteering by summer of Grade 11, provided they get accepted to Grade 11 IB.

Greg Mcphee indicated that EQAO (Education Quality Accountability Office) lost some test sheets and had contacted him. He has since resolved the issue.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the results of the Literacy test will be announced. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the first day of exams.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kathy Narrawy**

### **General Info**

The first IB exams were completed on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Feedback- Most students were beyond pleased with the exams. The IB results will be out on July 5<sup>th</sup>. For Grade 11, there were 2 exams and for Grade 12, it consisted of 4 exams.

Regular Exams will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> is an official exam day. The report cards will be distributed on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This can be picked between the time from 9 to 10 AM or the following Tuesday from 9 to 2 PM. Except for the first 2 weeks of August the office is open on all days. If parents or someone designated is coming for report card pickup, Student card has to be shown as an authorized ID.

There is a calendar in the works. All events for the year will be put on the calendar.

### **Report on Crime Prevention Association program**

For 6 weeks, every Thursday beginning February 16, 50 students at Glenforest S.S. participated in highly interactive workshops by expert trainers that focused on such topics as drug awareness, counterfeit detection, managing positive relationships etc.

Presentations were made by representatives of Peel Regional Police, Peel Paramedics Association, Mississauga Fire Department etc. The final session on March 30 was our graduation celebration. Students received certificates from the Academy for their participation in the program and were treated to a catered meal. The students and staff at Glenforest who participated in the Crime Prevention Academy greatly benefited from this program.

### **Teacher Learning Time (TLT)**

Starting new school year, every other Wednesday morning, school will be starting at 10 AM to accommodate TLT. This would help teachers to read and reflect on their learning (refresher time). The question – What you are going to do to be a better teacher, so students can learn better? Regular routine time makes learning easier. For students, cafeteria will be open during this time and they can productively utilize this period revising their lessons or get home work help from other students. Behavioral Teaching Assistants (BTA) will supervise during this time.

### **Report on Bullying seminar- Jo Anne**

The seminar was well received. Attendance was mediocre due to weather. Peel Police also did a presentation. Kathy provided an overview on Peel's policies.

Balora was retiring from her current role in the school council as her child completes Grade 12 this year. Balora was congratulated for her excellent role and conduct in the school council meetings. A token of appreciation was handed over by Kathy.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.40 PM. Thanks to all for attending.**