

SSC meeting January 19, 2017

**Attendees**

CHAIR John Higgins LISGAR  
SECRETARY Susanne Bowen BELL  
Maria Schnarr SRB  
Donna Garnos-Williams EOM  
Catherine Roberts EOM  
Shawn Tallon NEPEAN  
Cathryn Peloso SIR WILFRID LAURIER  
Kiera Delgaty South Carleton  
Lorrie Viladin MERIVALE  
Susan Klimchuk LDHSS  
Kerry Anderson GLEBE  
Nadine Clarke Canterbury

**School fees**

a) Maria asked about school fees prior to the SRB school council mtg and was given a document by SRB's principal:

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/parents/feeguidelines.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/parents/feeguidelines.pdf)

- there is a memorandum from 2011 outlining user fees from MOE
- guidelines only, principals have discretion
- guideline for fees for learning materials and activities draft
- guideline for fundraising

b) John expressed concern about Nepean trip to Africa over holiday break (part of Outdoor Ed class)

- several people responded that as long as the trip is not required for graduation it would be acceptable
- all schools offer international trips at various times and with various purposes
- Nadine suggested all SSC members bring it up at school council mtgs

c) Cathryn reported that SWL used to collect fees, but it was disallowed, e.g. Robotics, music, broadcasting, have other schools experienced issues?

-is anyone using online payment? No

### **Fundraising**

a) Nepean holds Night@Nepean dinner, silent auction, raised ~\$15,000

-silent auction raised ~\$8K

-run by a committee of ~10

-funds used for microscopes, iPads, hallway tables

-use online ticket sales, no students attend

b) SWL has held electronics recycling event, local honey sales, and has also tried a direct request for funds in lieu of sales

c) Merivale, Bell, SRB

-no fundraising done by school council

### **Financial reporting**

-some schools do it, some don't

-Nadine reported that reporting is only required if there is fundraising

### **Alumni**

-Lisgar is turning 175 yrs, has an active alumni group

-would like to encourage attendance of alumni in school events, e.g. musicals

-Canterbury has an active alumni group that helps fund arts purchases, e.g. microphones, pottery wheels

-EOM has a group that meets for major anniversaries

-Susan suggested alumni might be interested in campaigns regarding school closures, etc

**Possible ideas for next meeting:**

-Chair of Education Foundation? (Susan suggested that when this idea has been presented to OCASC in the past that there was little interest)

-Mental Health issues in secondary schools? (There was some interest expressed i this topic, but something different from the usual speakers)

-Nadine spoke about the need for SSC to bring both questions and info to our school councils, how can we support the SIP?

**Next meeting is February 16th**