

Date: Jan 28, 2009

Present: Mr. Smith, Mr. Hallis, Jessica Ferrell, Kate Swoboda, Boris Remes, Shane Kim, Basak Kalkavan, & Laura Perdomo.

- 1) Mr. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) A quick introduction of everyone.
- 3) Mr. Smith expressed how proud he was to see everyone doing so well.

We discussed the advantage and benefits of forming the Bodwell Alumni Association (BAA). Here is summary of what was discussed in regard to the advantage of forming the BAA:

- 1) We have the advantage of having students from all over the world at Bodwell.
- 2) Bodwell could get more world-wide recognition from forming the BAA (example of that would be forming BAA chapters in countries where our students come from). BAA students could offer assistance to Bodwell reps at conferences.
- 3) Networking
- 4) Alumni Scholarship (long term goal)
- 5) Spread pride and sense of belonging among Bodwellians.
- 6) BAA Executive Committee consists of: Jessica Farrell (Coordinator) and the following members: Shane Kim, Basak Kalkavan, Boris Remes, Laura Perdomo, & Kate Swoboda.
- 6) Mr. Hallis will be the main Bodwell contact and resource person.

Our next step is to come up with a mission statement, our vision and values for BAA. For that, I would like to invite you to please send me your opinions. Could each one of you please email me what you think BAA vision and mission should be? Also our values and goals.

For example you can say our vision should be "BAA will be characterized by graduates who are confident, respectful, responsible citizens of the world". One of our mission goals can be "provide opportunity for graduates to network with each other". One of our values can be "make a committed effort to provide frequent contribution to BAA".

Please don't worry about finding more than 2-3 points for each (mission, vision and values). You can send me your opinions in either point form or in a short paragraph and I will summarize your feedback and communicate it with the rest of the members. Please send me your feedback by Sunday, Feb 7th.

I will be uploading, very soon, a blank webpage with different "proposed" links. Please let me know if I need to add or delete any of the options. After I receive your feedback, I will "beautify" it further.

Thank you again for that pleasant dinner/meeting and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Please see attached to the end of the minutes, the Bodwell High School's mission, vision and values statements. You can also read them on: http://www.bodwell.edu/highschool/our_school.html

Our Mission

At Bodwell High School, we provide a culturally-diverse environment for students from around the globe, and enable them to become active learners and well-rounded citizens who contribute positively to the world.

Our Vision

It is our vision that Bodwell High School be characterized by

- Students who are confident, respectful, responsible citizens of the world, with the necessary tools to be successful in life and to contribute positively to society

- A staff that is a professional learning community: well educated, yet continuing to grow professionally through on-going learning, cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support; and consisting of people who serve as positive role models for students and their parents
- Administration that decisively, consistently, efficiently and supportively works to serve the best interests of the school community
- Parents who strongly trust and support the school and its programs
- A curriculum that is well-defined, purposeful, diverse, well-balanced, challenging and engaging, and which serves to interconnect mind, body and soul.

It is also our vision that our school be recognized in the community as one that achieves high academic standards, and whose students and graduates are citizens of good character.

The most important criteria for measuring our success will be our ability to attract students motivated by our mission; the high number of graduating students entering post-secondary institutions; and the resulting sense of satisfaction and reward felt by the Bodwell school community.

Our Values

In order to achieve our vision, we strive to

- establish common standards among the staff and administration, so that students gain a clear understanding of our expectations regarding
 - academic achievement,
 - character development,
 - behaviour,
 - personal development, and
 - individual goal-setting;
- challenge ourselves to continually improve our curriculum, while conforming to Ministry standards;
- make a committed effort to understand our students, to help them utilize their multiple intelligences;
- promote high quality work in students by providing frequent, positive feedback, and encouragement to continually improve;
- model high standards and values, motivating and leading students to be life-long learners as well as active and successful participants in their respective communities;
- engage parents and the school community in the learning process, to enrich our program and enhance our academic standards;
- use each other's strengths, and utilize constructive feedback, to enhance the quality of our teaching;
- support and encourage each other as we continue to grow professionally;
- strive to gain a high reputation among outstanding post-secondary institutions and the global community as a result of our high achieving graduates.