

SSAF Meeting Minutes
Winter Meeting – December 7, 2010

Schools Represented

**Blaine Seamone – SSAF President Elementary, Treasurer
Toronto Montessori School**

**Kevin Tushingham - SSAF President High School
Town Centre Private High School**

**Yvonne Messina - SSAF Vice President
Town Centre Montessori Private School**

A.C.H.S.

A.R.S. Day School

Aurora Montessori School

Bond Academy

Country Garden

Crestwood Prep.

Crestwood School

Fieldstone Day School

Foundations Private School

Hitherfield School

Hudson College

Junior Academy

La Citadelle Academy

Linden School

Lynn Rose Heights

Metro Prep.

Northmount

PACE

People's Christian Academy

Prestige School

Richland Academy

Richmond Hill Montessori School

Rosedale Day School

Rowntree Montessori School

Somerset Academy

Sunnybrook School

Tall Pines

Toronto Montessori Schools – Bayview (JK-6)

Toronto Montessori Schools – Elgin Mills (7-12)

Toronto New School

Toronto Prep. School

Town Centre

Unionville Montessori Private School

VOICE Intermediate School

Waldorf Academy
WillowWood School
Wishing Well
Yorkland School

Unrepresented Schools

Laurel Academy
Leo Baeck North
Leo Baeck South
Lycee Francais de Toronto
Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox School
Montessori Learning Centre of Pickering
Springfield Prep.
Sunnybrook School
Thor College

Financial Report

There is no official financial report at this time due to outstanding convenor reports for Volleyball and Basketball. The financial statements will be prepared over Christmas Break and e-mailed at the beginning of January. Each school will have 10 business days to bring their account up to date after their statements are e-mailed. Most accounts are in good shape as of right now, but North Division Girls' Basketball participants were reminded that there will be a large bill coming in once the referee invoice is received and submitted.

Fall Convenor Reports

Cross Country

SSAF Cross Country – Sherri Brenzel reported that there were more athletes than in previous years, which is a good thing. However, as an organization we need to respect the property and the rules of the facility where we are hosting our events. Results were sent out in an e-mail to the membership. Banner winners were as follows: U8 Boys': Tall Pines, U8 Girls': Crestwood School, U10 Boys': Rosedale, U10 Girls': Aurora Montessori, U12 Boys': ACHS, U12 Girls': Rosedale, Elementary Boys': Tall Pines, Elementary Girls': Voice, U16 Boys': Crestwood Prep., U16 Girls': Lycee Francais de Toronto, U20 Boys': TWS, U20 Girls': Linden. Congratulations to all participants, and thank you to Annie Alkins for handling the entries and tabulating the results. A big thank you to the many volunteers from Crestwood School, and all the helpers throughout the day. Some proposals and recommendations for next year are: 1) to have identifying bright coloured shirts or pinneys for all volunteers to be worn during the duration of the meet; 2) reflective vests for two parking lot marshals who will direct cars and buses from the duration of the meet; 3) each school to include the names of two extra volunteers when submitting eligibility lists....they will then be assigned a duty/schedule with their exact marshalling point on the course; 4) one "rabbit" on a bike, and one biker or runner

as a sweeper; 5) coaches meeting 20 minutes prior to the first race; 6) no dogs permitted; 7) more supervision for athletes around tent areas and pavilion, football and Frisbee games kept to a minimum, and wooded areas off limits to all athletes, especially adjacent to the finish line; 8) assign a space blocked off at the start line for each school with a maximum of five runners per school on the start line and the rest of the team behind them; 9) An exact distance will be forwarded to all schools by the convenor for training purposes.

In addition, rules of the park will be sent out via e-mail by the convenor and must be adhered to in order not to jeopardize our relationship with the park. The parking lot closest to the start line is designated as bus parking and drop-off only...no parked cars allowed...cars are to park in the lot across the road, adjacent to the soccer field. These are the rules of Sunnybrook Park.

Flag Football

Elementary and U20 – Ruth Biddell and Lisa Newton sent an update to be read. In the update, it was stated that both tournaments went smoothly with lots of great football and great sportsmanship. There was a recommendation made by Peter Cover (the referee): that SSAF change the convert rule (especially with time constraints), as follows:

- In the event of a tied game where a winner must be declared, a series of convert attempts be used to determine a winner.
- Declaring a winner – Each team attempts three converts, alternating on offense and defense. Teams will attempt two-point converts from the ten yard line. The team with the most points after three attempts by each team will be declared the winner. If the teams are still tied after three attempts by each team, they continue to run alternate sudden victory converts until one team has more points.

It was noted that any changes to playing regulations must be submitted as a notice of motion, and voted on by the membership at a general meeting.

The elementary tournament was won by Unionville Montessori, with Tall Pines finishing in second, and Mississauga Private School coming in third. In the U20 tournament Toronto Prep was the winner, followed by Mississauga Private School in second, and Fieldstone in third.

Indoor Soccer

U12 CoEd – Dave Corder's reports was as follows: In the semi-finals Unionville Montessori defeated TMS by a score of 1-0, and Metamorphosis defeated TCMPS by the same score. In the bronze medal game TMS defeated TCMPS 2-1. The championship game between Unionville and Metamorphosis was 0-0 after regulation and two 5 minute sudden victory periods! Metamorphosis went on to win 3-1 in a penalty shootout! Congratulations to Metamorphosis, and you can find all results on the SSAF website.

Elementary Boys' – Mike Brisbois would like to congratulate Leo Baeck North for winning this year's Boys' Elementary Indoor Soccer Tournament in a hard fought game over RHMS. The final standings were: 1st – Leo Baeck North, 2nd – RHMS, 3rd – ACHS, 4th – Somerset. There were 20 teams in this year's tournament, which made for a long journey to the championships. All teams played hard, with class, and everyone participating seemed to have a good time. Thank you to Nick Zero from Mississauga Private School for his help in convening this event.

Elementary Girls' – Zlatko Sarcevic would like to thank all 13 teams who participated in the Girls' Indoor Soccer Tournament. This was a great experience, and hopefully a positive experience for all players and coaches. The first three teams were: 1st – Leo Baeck North, 2nd – Leo Baeck South, 3rd – RHMS. Consolation champion was Lycee Francais de Toronto. Congratulations to all.

Ultimate Frisbee

Elementary and U20 – Caroline Corbit would like to thank all coaches and athletes for a wonderful Elementary Tournament. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches. There were a lot of great things happening on and off the field this year. Detailed results are posted on the SSAF website. Round robin play brought Crestwood, TCMPS, RHMS, and Pace to the semi-finals. All teams played with heart and determination. The final battle for the banner matched TCMPS up with Pace. Both sides fought hard, and in the end Pace came away with the victory. In the U20 Tournament many coaches were extremely helpful on the day of the tournament and made it run much more smoothly as a result. Thank you to Metro Prep and Bond Academy for being flexible with game times due to late team arrivals. After exciting round robin play, TCPHS, Pace, Metro Prep, Toronto Prep, Willowwood, and Crestwood Prep all moved on. In the semi-final games Toronto Prep faced Pace and TCPHS faced Crestwood Prep. The final battle for the banner was well fought with TCPHS defeating Pace after triple overtime in the finals. Congratulations TCPHS.

Boys' Volleyball

Elementary – Thien Nguyen reports that the top 8 teams from each division (North and South) that made it to the final tournament were: Foundations, Waldorf Academy, RHMS, Aurora Montessori, TMS, Voice, Willowwood, and Northmount. After round robin play Foundations advanced to the semi-finals against Waldorf Academy. RHMS advanced to the semi-finals against Aurora Montessori. After semi-final action Foundations and RHMS advanced to the Finals. Congratulations to Foundations for defeating RHMS in the finals and capturing this year's Elementary Boys' Volleyball banner.

U20 – Thank you to TWS for hosting the final tournament. Mary Jo Clark would like to thank Lawrence DeMello from TMS for convening the league this year – a thankless and difficult job. At TWS 8 teams showed up to win the banner, and throughout the day, anyone was hard pressed to predict what team would be victorious. Matches were being split, scores were running high (25-23 was an ongoing theme), countless games ended with only a 2 point spread. After round robin play it came down to point differentials. Mississauga Private School played Toronto Prep in one semi-final, and TCPHS played Fieldstone in the other. The final match was played between Mississauga Private School and TCPHS. TCPHS was victorious. Thanks to all coaches and their assistants for their cooperation and support of TWS' hosting duties, and for leaving the place virtually spotless.

Girls' Basketball

Elementary – Chris Carr reports that the South season went well. There are no issues to report. The standings were very close between Bond, Linden, and ARS. All three teams finished with a 5 and 1 record, and it came down to point differential to separate those teams for the playoffs. Bond was seeded as number 1 for the South, and Linden was

seeded as number 2 in the South. Yvonne Messina's North season went relatively smoothly except for some scheduling issues due to a date change for a day tournament. The date change affected some of the scheduled basketball games, which had to be moved. There was some great competition this season with TCMPS finishing in 1st with an undefeated season, and UMS finishing in a close 2nd. At the Final Four TCMPS was seeded as number 1 for the North, and UMS was seeded as North number 2. The Final Four was great with some very close and exciting games. Linden defeated TCMPS in one semi-final, and Bond defeated UMS in the other. This made for an all South final between Linden and Bond. Congratulations to Linden on back-to-back championships. Thanks to Bond for hosting once again.

U20 – Lawrence DeMello would like to congratulate Mississauga Private School for capturing the U20 Girls' Basketball title. The best two teams definitely met in the final...they were Mississauga and Yorkland. Mississauga finished the season undefeated and won a closely fought final game over Yorkland, who finished their season with only one loss (to Mississauga). Thanks to Willowood for hosting the finals.

Golf

Elementary and U20 – Mark Kucharski thanks all golfers, coaches and supervisors for allowing this day to run so smoothly. The final numbers were: 87 student golfers and 17 playing supervisors. The top scores of the day were:

U20 Boys': 1st – 68, 2nd – 69, 3rd – 70

Elementary Boys': 1st – 83, 2nd – 88, 3rd - ?

Elementary Girls': 1st – 67, 2nd – 97, 3rd – 102

Team banner winners were: Elementary – Foundations, U20 – Metro Prep.

Convenors for Winter 2010-2011

Boys Basketball – Mondays/Wednesdays

Elementary - North – **Yvonne Messina - TCMPS**

South – **Andrew Costley - Toronto Prep.**

Final Four - Wednesday March 2nd location to be determined

U20 – **Fred Howe - WillowWood**

Final Game - Wednesday March 2nd

U16 – **Al Schenk – Yorkland**

Girls Volleyball – Tuesdays/Thursdays

Elementary - North – **Thien Nguyen - RHMS**

South - **Jeff Gillespie VOICE**

Final Tournament - to be determined

U20 - **Neil Cappelletti - Wishing Well**

Final Tournament - to be determined

Co-Ed Basketball

U10 – Moe Kanji - AMS Monday January 31st at HoopDome

U12 – Moe Kanji - AMS Wednesday February 2nd at HoopDome

Ski/Snowboarding Invitational

Michael Madden - Thor College **January 27th** more information to follow

Motions

Topic: U10 Basketball

Proposed changes are: **Moved by:** Dave Cordner – TMS

Seconded by: Moe Kanji – AMS

MOTION: To have the free throw line move dup from 15 feet to 11 feet.

RATIONALE: 15 feet is the NBA distance, and most U10 players are not strong enough to shoot the ball that far without crossing the free throw line.

ACTION: Passed.

Reminders

- Elementary and U20 convenors are reminded to cross-reference their schedules with each other for the possibility of double headers.
- Convenors, please date all revised schedule drafts and Athletic Designates please ensure that your coaches have the most up to date schedules to avoid any errors.
- Basketball jerseys must have numbers printed on the front and the back of the jersey. This is part of the playing regulations as per Ontario Basketball. Referees can refuse to officiate a game due to possible issues calling fouls, etc.
- All convenors are reminded to send their standings updates to the webmaster for the website to be updated. webmaster@ssaf.ca. There is a template on the website under the ‘forms’ section for convenors to use to make the website more uniform in appearance.
- All volleyball and basketball league convenors are reminded that they are to be verifying all names on game sheets, and cross-referencing them to the eligibility lists submitted by each school.
- For volleyball and basketball, please remember when filling out the game sheets to use full names (i.e. First and last name, or first initial and last name).

Reminder that eligibility lists are due to the convenor and Yvonne before the first game of a season. This is not the school’s first game, but the season’s first game, regardless of who is playing. Please try to submit them in a timely manner so they can be verified ahead of time.

Other Business

- Allison Cleland from Linden School mentioned the Mikey Network in support of AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) awareness. The Mikey Network has provided schools and organizations with funding for AEDs, AED training, and AED awareness. Schools are ideal candidates to receive funding from the Mikey Network because we are working with youth and promoting health. Allison will send the information out to everyone with links, etc. This also sparked a discussion on OPHEA regulations, safety, and the need for Emergency Action Plans at schools. The OPHEA standards were briefly discussed. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to obtain the newest OPHEA documents, despite being expensive. Allison also stated that she would look into this.
- Wilmington Tennis contacted the SSAF with the intention of promoting their program to the member schools. The Wilmington Tennis program is dedicated to teaching beginner's tennis by employing progressive tennis techniques approved by Tennis Canada. They use mini-nets and sponge balls, so they are able to introduce tennis in any gymnasium, making the program well suited for elementary schools and available year round. If you are interested in obtaining any further information, please contactCarolynn Gabriel, Program Director at Wilmington Tennis. Her telephone number is 416-318-9811.
www.wilmingtontennis.ca
- Lawrence DeMello at TMSE is hosting a Curling Funspiel on Friday February 4th at Richmond Hill Curling Club, located at Yonge and Elgin Mills. He is hoping to have at least 6 schools represented in the hopes of making this a banner sport next year. So far 3 or 4 schools have expressed interest. This is intended as a beginner entry event, so athletes are expected to simply know the rules. Fred Howe has offered his assistance as well. Please contact Lawrence DeMello if your school is interested.
- Thursday February 17 there will be a 3 on 3 ice hockey tournament at a 3 on 3 facility located at Bayview and Elgin Mills on Edward Street. This is not a banner event, but a safe and fun tournament.
- Mary Jo Clark requested a show of hands for those interested in participating in this year's Badminton Tournament. Results were as follows: U12: 13 schools, Elementary: 17 schools, U20: 12 schools.
- Jeff Gillespie suggested that when a 'non-hosting' school plays a 'home' game at a neutral site school that has offered their facilities, that they provide their own minor officials, and bring their own score sheets. The convenors should be designating a secondary 'home team' so everyone knows who is responsible for providing score sheets and minor officials. This also sparked a conversation about being more respectful at hosting schools. It was suggested that convenors add in their e-mail correspondence with participant schools to please ensure that coaches are in appropriate gym attire with athletes and coaches changing into indoor shoes. In addition, convenors should add that everyone must 'be more mindful in cleaning up and helping the host schools out'.
- Thien Nguyen brought up an issue with Elementary Volleyball and the volleying off of a serve rule. There was some inconsistency with referee interpretation throughout the season. Phil Santomero clarified that the OVA ruling for any U16 play is "no volleying a serve". After a lengthy discussion regarding changing

rules part way through a season, and having participant schools vote (which is not permitted), it was suggested that convenors need to communicate any OVA or OBA rule changes at the beginning of a season, not part way through. Please remember that any playing regulation changes must be put forth as a notice of motion and voted on by the membership prior to a season. The conclusion of the conversation was that there needs to be better communication among referees, coaches, and convenors with respect to specific rules. Yvonne Messina will contact Cecil, the volleyball referee assignor regarding the OVA rules, and to request that he is very clear to his referees regarding this specific rule. He will also be asked for clarification of the volleying a serve rule so that it is consistent across the board.

- ACHS will be hosting an invitational ice hockey tournament in mid January. There will be U12 and Elementary divisions, and they are looking for more schools. Please contact ACHS if your school is interested.
- Fred Howe at Willowood will be hosting an Elementary Invitational Boys' Basketball Tournament on Friday February 11th.
- The SSAF Bowling Tournament has been moved from April 8th to April 7th. Please make note of the date change.
- The January 7th opening U20 and U16 Boys' Basketball Tournament has room for 3 more U20 teams and 1 more U16 team. Please contact Fred Howe at Willowood for more information.
- Score sheets for volleyball and basketball have been purchased by the SSAF Executive. Schools who participate in these leagues and who host games at their facilities were asked to pick score sheets up if needed, and their accounts will be charged accordingly.

Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday March 2, 2011 4:00 pm at Town Centre – 155 Clayton Drive in Markham.

Tuesday June 14, 2011 2:00 pm at Toronto Montessori Schools – Bayview Campus

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 2, 2010 at 4 pm at Town Centre.