

**SSAF Meeting Minutes**  
**Spring Meeting – June 14, 2011**

**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  
Hudson College  
Junior Academy  
La Citadelle Academy  
Leo Baeck North  
Leo Baeck South  
Linden School  
Lycee Francais de Toronto  
Lynn Rose Heights  
Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox School  
Metro Prep Academy  
Mississauga Private School  
Northmount School  
PACE  
People's Christian Academy  
Richland Academy  
Richmond Hill 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  
Yorkland School

### **Unrepresented Schools**

Hitherfield School  
Prestige School  
Rosedale Day School  
Rowntree Montessori School  
Springfield Preparatory School  
Thor College  
Toronto Waldorf School  
Wishing Well Schools

### **Financial Report**

There was an issue with the convenor reports for U20 Track and Field and U20 CoEd Softball, so the financial statements will be prepared and sent out within the next couple of days, as soon as the convenor reports are corrected. June 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for bringing your accounts up to date. When you receive your school's statement, please look at the statement of charges for this year. The total collections for 2010-2011 will be your school's deposit required for next school year. Please print this and give it to your school's accounting department. The full amount is due at the end of August.

Blaine explained that we could add a blog to the SSAF website in order to register or declare for leagues and tournaments online. He presented an example that showed the convenor and athletic directors can indicate and list or post declarations instead of waiting for a convenor e-mail. This way every school can see everyone who will be in the tournament or league. The convenor will have the ability to edit and remove teams as needed. Blaine proposed that we ease into this new system by testing it out in the fall for Elementary Girls' Basketball (Yvonne Messina – TCMPS), and U12 CoEd Indoor Soccer (Dave Cordner – TMS) to see how it pans out. No one was opposed to trying for these two sports in the fall.

### **Spring/Summer Convenor Reports**

Were e-mailed out to the membership by each individual convenor.

### **Motions**

#### **Topic: Non-Hosting Schools' responsibility to find playing locations/standard fees for schools that are willing to host non-hosting schools**

Proposed changes are:                   **Moved by:** Chris Carr – Hudson College  
  **Seconded by:** Royal Carney – Bond Academy







**RATIONALE:** Currently, if a player sits out, the player must sit out the entire game. There is no opportunity to get players into the game part-time. This rule change would allow for that.

**ACTION:** Passed unanimously.

**Topic: SSAF Age Categories**

Proposed changes are: **Moved by:** Kevin Tushingam – TCPHS  
**Seconded by:** Yvonne Messina - TCMPS

**MOTION:** To make students enrolled in Elementary School ineligible to compete in High School sports (i.e. Grade 8 student ineligible for U16 or U20 sporting event).

**RATIONALE:** There is no reason an Elementary student should be competing with High School students. In no other league would this be allowed, or even feasible.

**ACTION:** Dropped and re-presented as the following motion.

**Topic: SSAF Age Categories**

Proposed changes are: **Moved by:** Kevin Tushingam – TCPHS  
**Seconded by:** Yvonne Messina - TCMPS

**MOTION:** To make students enrolled in Elementary School ineligible to compete in High School sports (i.e. Grade 8 student ineligible for U16 or U20 sporting event), if there is the opportunity to participate in that sport at the Elementary level.

**RATIONALE:** There is no reason an Elementary student should be competing with High School students. In no other league would this be allowed, or even feasible.

**ACTION:** Passed as amended.

**Topic: SSAF League Sports – change in responsibilities for league convenors and Athletic Designates**

Proposed changes are: **Moved by:** Lawrence DeMello – TMSE  
**Seconded by:** Fred Howe - Willowood

**MOTION:** All scheduling for league sports to be done by Athletic Designates at scheduling meetings (which can follow SSAF meetings). Convenors would still be responsible for compiling the master schedule, booking referees, maintaining standings, and handling arrangements for the finals/tournament, etc.

**RATIONALE:** Athletic Designates are in the best position to schedule their own games. They are most keenly aware of their facilities, coaching issues, team issues, travel.

Convenors are confined to too many restrictions, lack of knowledge of other schools, etc. All scheduling can be completed in an hour for league sports within a specific season, with greater flexibility in scheduling.

Lawrence to present further rationale, as well as the process.

**ACTION:** After much discussion for and against this motion, it was decided to amend this motion to include a pilot program for the Fall league sports (Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball). Passed as a pilot program to test in the Fall season.

### **Reminders**

- 1) All members are reminded to refer to the website regularly for any updates and information ([www.ssaf.ca](http://www.ssaf.ca))
- 2) Next meeting Wednesday August 31, 2011@ TCMPS.

### **Other Business**

- The Small School Exemption rule was accidentally altered during our Constitution overhaul at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The Executive will be adding the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to apply for Small School Exemption back into the Constitution.
- There was a discussion about the location for the U16 Boys' Basketball Tournament. The cost of this tournament has been excessive due to a lack of participation, and HoopDome is expensive. Suggestions for an alternative solution include using 2 school's gymnasiums. This will be further discussed as the tournament date approaches.
- At the request of the school, the acronym for Rowntree Montessori will be changing from ROWN to RMS. This will be updated in the appropriate Constitution Appendix.
- TCMPS is looking to hold a Table Tennis Invitational in mid to late February before the basketball playoffs begin. There were a number of schools interested.
- Yorkland will be changing their name to North Toronto Christian School (NTCS). This will be updated on the SSAF Directory and the appropriate areas on the SSAF website.
- Pace proposed the idea of holding a Tennis Invitational. There was a lot of interest from the member schools.
- Kevin brought up the idea of having different schools host the SSAF meetings. This will be discussed further at a later date.
- The Executive brought forth the idea of placing schools that miss meetings on probation. This idea was well-received by the membership. The Executive will draw up a proper motion for the August meeting to be voted on.