

Princess Elizabeth Public School Advisory Council

Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

1. Welcome

Tonya welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:35pm.

In attendance: Tonya Louks, Devon Koudijs, Jenn Dube, Ann Lalonde, , Sherill Roberts, Robb McLean, Phil Kelcey, Cyndi Cunningham, Mike McMurray, Celia Contois

Regrets: Steve Dube, Tracey Gruhl, Donna Swayze, Angela Lazenby, Jennie Laroche, Michelle Gibson

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of November 24, 2009

Minutes accepted unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) *Literacy Night Feedback*

- *Over 90 students attended, including many junior (gr. 4-6) students*
- *Story Reading was a highlight (with Mr. Jesseau & police officer)*
- *When asked their favourite part, most students responded 'reading with my parent'.*
- *Positive response!*

4. Items for Discussion / Direction

a) *East Welland School Accommodation Review*

- *Discussion occurred regarding current status of review*
- *New Senior Admin proposal includes:*
 - *close Empire for September 2011 and move students to Plymouth*
 - *close Crowland for September 2012 and move students to Mathews*
 - *build a new facility on the Mathews site to be opened Sept 2012*
 - *move the students from southwest area of P.E.'s catchment to Mathews for September 2012*
- *ARC committee had 5 of 6 members voting in favour of the above proposal*
- *Two other proposals from the public/group were left on the table for consideration:*
 - *1. Close Empire and Mathews moving students to Plymouth and P.E. respectively. Move Extended French program to Crowland. Put on additions as required.*
 - *2. If, and only if, the Crowland catchment area can be changed (to extend into Port Robinson and further into Niagara Falls), close only Empire and move students to Plymouth. Move the students from southwest area of P.E.'s catchment to Mathews.*
- *The School Council was asked if they could come to consensus on a preferred option, and add any other comments & suggestion → unanimous support for the Senior Admin proposal.*
- *SAC will create a letter to be distributed to all families the week of February 22nd and again on March 1st outlining the proposals, effects on students, and how to voice opinions.*

b) *Trustee Representation*

- *During the ARC discussion, concern was raised that a trustee was not appropriately representing all of his constituents equally. In addition, he has vocally supported one school directly in the review.*
- *The SAC discussed their concerns and possible options to address them.*
- *Motion: “To write a letter to Senior Administration to voice concerns of the behaviour and bias of Larry Lemelin” – motion passed unanimously.*

5. Principal/Vice-Principal’s Report

a) *School Grounds Greening Project*

- *Mrs. Terrio-Lakeit and Ms. Osborne are leading the Eco-Club which is looking at possible initiatives to plant trees and a natural garden in the P.E. field.*
- *All initiatives are to be funded through government and private industry grants.*
- *See attachments for details of report.*

b) *Calendar*

- *March 3: JK/SK to Sugar Bush*
- *March 3: ARC Public Meeting (6:00pm @ PE)*
- *March 4: ARC Committee Meeting (6:00pm @ PE)*
- *March 9: Talent Show (9:15am)*
- *March 11: Chess Tournament*
- *March 12: SpN to Sugar Bush*
- *March 13-21: MARCH BREAK*
- *March 25: Dental Blitz (dental hygiene info sessions)*
- *March 26: Report Cards Home*
- *March 30: SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG.*

6. New Business

a) *Grade 8 Graduation:*

- *Monday, June 28th at Eastdale*
- *Question: who plans event? Details? To be discussed at next SAC meeting.*

b) *EQAO Test Planning*

- *Staff has already started planning to support students for the June EQAO tests.*
- *Plans are to have students who require extra support to have a trained adult with them during the test.*
- *Staff at PE are using sample EQAO documents to help prepare classes.*

c) *Parental Involvement*

- *The possibility to have a social event to be discussed at next meeting.*

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm