

Princess Elizabeth Public Parent Advisory Council

January 24, 2012

ATTENDING: Karen Cutler, Raymond Schad, Rachel Schad, Natalee Koudijs, Devon Koudijs, Lori Lehne, Sherill Roberts, Tonya Louks, Vicki Barker, Michelle McPherson, Tracey Gruhl, Lindsay Gruhl, Michelle Gibson, Lloyd Gibson, Robb McLean, Janice Brown, Matthew Brown, Jennifer Laroche, Krystle Corriveau, Jenn Dube, Kim Pepin, A;yson DiDonato-Yioldassis

Regrets: Steve Dube, Terri Boyd, Ted Waskawich, Jennifer Lemay, Sherri McQueen,

1. Welcome

- Lori & Tonya welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30pm

2. Approval of the Minutes from November 29, 2011

- Approved unanimously

3. Business Arising From the Minutes

PETITION FOR STOPLIGHT

- **Guest:** Tom Sliwinski , City of Welland, Traffic & Parking operations technician
- Tom's contact info: 905-735-1700 Ext: 2212, Email: tom.sliwinski@welland.ca
- Traffic items have to be reviewed by the city.
- City has done the following: Repainted the lines, several traffic studies
- Three criteria are reviewed for putting in the traffic light:
 - o Traffic volumes, including side streets and side-street wait times
 - o Traffic leaving side streets.
 - o Number of accidents.
- There were not enough incidents of the above three items to justify a light.
- City department will be proposing to Council: a raised cross walk. This would include lights that would blink.
- \$10,000 is the cost, and need to approval of the city council.
- Lights would blink when someone is crossing.
- People are still able to go through the light, when their lane is clear.
- Other suggestions are to have bump outs, but the cost of the bump outs would be a high cost. As such would be more difficult to get done.
- Feedback would not change the recommendation.
- Most parents have issues with the city putting in street lights in at the plaza, but not here.
- There has been more recent studies than 2004, but has not been made public.
- Information that is collected has both speed and number of cars that pass.

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- Have asked Tom to take back to the city the following information.
 - 1) We (PAC) would like to have the information from any studies that the city has.
 - 2) PAC backs the raised cross walk and amber lights and would also like bump outs.
 - 3) PAC would like to have any studies completed after the raised sidewalk is in place.
 - 4) PAC would like the city to provide pylons to be used right away.
- Other options are to join a safety pledge. Offered by Nascar and Fedex.
 - o If you do it the school gets a 500\$ grant to the school.
 - o Could have it come in at the fun fair. This way we can get the parents to sign in for it.
- Information will be coming to R. Mclean to distribute the information.

LUNCH PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Good success with orders:
 - o Sub way: 130
 - o Pita: 117
 - o Pizza is most popular, but harder to run. As it just comes in a large box. And it takes a large number of people to run.
- Knoxies: This week, should go very well with distribution...would love volunteers!

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Report

DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

- Want to get parents involved.
- What do our parents need? What do the parents want? What can we do to get parents to come out?
- Ideas collected from all the parents, at each table. All this information will be collected by Mrs. Lehne, and given to a committee for putting together to be given to parents and teachers.

EQAO PRACTICE TESTING

- All grades 1-8 will/have participate in a reading/writing EQAO practice test
- This is done to get a better idea of what students need to show their best at formal assessment times
- Students are then provided support and guidance to work on their areas of need

DANIEL'S GREAT BLOOD DRIVE

- One of DSBN's Grade 8 students (from Connaught School) is spearheading a Blood Drive for all employees and parents of the DSBN during the month of February and March.
- See attached brochure for more details

CALENDAR

- To be put on February's calendar

5. New Business

- None

6. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 8:03pm
- Next Meeting: February 28th, 2012