

# Princess Elizabeth Public School Advisory Council

## Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2011

1. Welcome

*Tonya & Robb welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30pm.*

*In attendance: Tonya Louks, Michelle McPherson, , Sherill Roberts, Natalee Koudijs Devon Koudijs, , Robb McLean, Tammy Chilcott, Steve Dube, Karen Cutler, Ted Waskawich, Jenn Dube*

*Regrets: Jennifer Laroche, Michelle Gibson, Lloyd Gibson, Krystle Corriveau*

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of February 28, 2011

*a) Minutes accepted*

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

*a) Playground Edging*

- Robb thanked everyone who volunteered to help install the playground edging. Doing it ourselves saved the school almost \$2000.00.*
- The uneven dirt around the edge was to be flattened right away but with the wet conditions, it was delayed.*
- Robb will have the plant department level it properly.*

*b) 'Tools for Schools' Concept*

- We know most parents/students want to purchase materials for the new school year. However, the cost of having the 'tools for schools' boxes is too cost-prohibitive for many families.*
- The school provides the basic materials necessary for work. Parents who can afford to get additional materials will receive direction in the newsletter as to what to purchase prior to school starting.*
- Teachers will inform students of any class-specific materials needed.*

4. Items for Discussion / Direction

*a) Eco-Club participation:*

- The Eco-Club is involved in many initiatives to: 1) change practice of students/staff/parents to reduce the stress on the environment; and 2) make the school yard more student friendly by adding shade and natural interests/activities.*
- Members of the Eco-Club received funding to get trees and shrubs for the school yard and are learning to plant and care for them.*
- In addition, the group has applied for major funding to restructure the yard (add trees, remove pavement, etc.).*
- If there are any parents interested in helping our club with yard care, it would be appreciated. More advertising will be done through newsletters and letters home once we know specifically what needs to be done.*

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b) *Parent Involvement Ideas (PRO Grant)*

- *Many ideas were discussed to increase parent involvement in two ways:*
- *1. Increase the number of parents volunteering to help the school*
- *2. Increase the number of parents supporting their own children in their education.*
- *For increasing the number of volunteers:*
  - *Get two 'Class Parents' for each class to facilitate communication and get volunteers as needed*
  - *Have the school/teachers send out specific jobs to do (these can be at school or at home) and the time frame required.*
- *For increasing the number of parents supporting at home:*
  - *Hold several curriculum evenings:*
    - *Focus on specific groups (primary, junior, E.F., etc.)*
    - *Have passports during these evenings so parents go to multiple sessions*
    - *Homework Nights (with supper)*
    - *Have home activities in the classroom for kids to 'sign out' and take home. Once they are completed, they are returned to the school and another can be taken. Incentives can be given to those students/parents who sign out and complete a certain number of activities.*

c) *Fall Fundraising Ideas:*

- *We will discuss complete fundraising plans for the 2011-12 school year in September. However, commitments were made for the following fundraisers:*
  - *September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Fun Fair*
  - *Fall: Cookie Dough*
  - *Winter: Little Ceasars Pizza*
- *Idea for 7's & 8's: Wake-a-thon*

d) *Fun Fair Planning:*

- *Michelle Gibson will contact some out-of-area donors to solicit prizes*
- *Organization Meeting: Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm @ Steve & Jenn's*

5. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report

a) *Class Organization:*

- *Similar to current year – will be in newsletter*

b) *Calendar:*

- *See June Calendar on Website*

6. New Business

*none*

7. Next Meeting Date

*September 2011*

8. Adjournment

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm*