

Princess Elizabeth Public School Advisory Council

Minutes

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

1. Welcome

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

In attendance: Tonya Louks, Devon Koudijs, Jenn Dube, Steve Dube, Ann Lalonde, Phil Lemay, Jen Lemay, Eli Banta, Suzanne Banta, Sherill Roberts, Jennie Laroche, Michelle Gibson, Lloyd Gibson, Robb McLean, Phil Kelcey, Cyndi Cunningham

Regrets: Tracey Gruhl, Donna Swayze, Angela Lazenby

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of October 27, 2009

Minutes accepted unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) *Parent Conference: 'Engaging in Student Success'*

- *November 4th, 2009 at Westlane S.S. 4:30-8:30pm*
- *Tonya and Robb attended*
- *Tonya shared a number of pamphlets and information*
- *Birthday Book Club idea was shared*
 - *SAC supported this idea for 2010-11*
 - *Something like this may be able to be used for Xmas*
 - *Sample form will be scanned and attached to minutes*

4. Items for Discussion / Direction

a) *School Growth Plan: is a document that directs our focus in student learning, and what teachers will try differently.*

- *Literacy Activity: For the following picture, state the:*
 - *Month of the year that the picture was taken*
 - *Day of the Week that the picture was taken*
 - *Time of Day that the picture was taken*
 - *Be prepared to back up your opinions with evidence.*
- *Numeracy Activity: Use the manipulatives in your group to complete the following tasks*
- *Culture Activity: On your strip of paper, create a bumper sticker that states the following:*
 - *What skills, knowledge etc. do you hope your child will take with them after their elementary school experience.*
 - *Be prepared to share your ideas.*

Everyone learns differently – examples of these activities were given.

The main points of the School Growth Plan:

Literacy:

- *Reading For Meaning (Inferring, Point of View, Evidence & Opinion)*
- *Critical Thinking*
- *Explicit Teaching*
- *Differentiated Instruction*
- *Home-School Connections*

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Numeracy:

- Reading for Meaning (in terms of problem solving & application of concepts)
- Critical Thinking
- Explicit Teaching
- Differentiated Instruction
- Home-School Connections

Culture:

- Creating the Conditions for a Learning Community dedicated to caring & support, active participation and positive expectations for all students
- Character Education
- Home-School Connections

5. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report

a) East Welland School Accommodation Review

- *Upcoming ARC committee meeting is Thurs. Nov. 26*
- *Public meeting is December 10th. It will be a tour of all five schools.*
- *Robb showed the DSBN website link with all the information regarding the accommodation review.*
- *The ARC meetings in January are:*
 - *Committee meeting on January 20th - 6:00pm at P.E.*
 - *Public meeting on January 28th – 6:00pm at P.E.*

b) Calendar

- *Nov 25: Wacky Wednesday – Hat Day*
- *Nov. 26: ARC Committee Mtg.*
- *Dec. 2: Olympic Torch Relay Assembly*
- *Dec. 2: REPORTS GO HOME*
- *Dec. 3 & 4: Parent-Teacher Interviews*
- *Dec. 4: Early Release Day*
- *Dec. 9: Eastdale in to visit 8C*
- *Dec. 10: Public ARC Mtg. (visit to schools)*
- *Dec. 14 & 17: Dental Screening*
- *Dec. 15: Primary Christmas Concert – dress rehearsal*
- *Dec. 16: Primary Christmas Concert – evening*
- *Dec. 19-Jan. 3 Christmas Holidays*
- *Jan. 4: First Day Back to School*
- *Jan. 6: Centennial to visit 8EF*
- *Jan. 8: Dairy Presentations to Primary Classes*
- *Jan. 12: Centennial Open House (6:30pm)*
- *Jan. 14: Eastdale Open House (7:00pm)*
- *Jan. 20: Gr. 8 Intention Sheet visits*
- *Jan. 20: Extended French Information Session (for gr. 4 parents)*
- *Jan. 20: ARC Committee Mtg.*
- *Jan. 25: BOOK FAIR OPENS!*
- *Jan. 26: Next SAC Meeting*
- *Jan. 28: Public ARC Mtg.*
- *Check out the Princess Elizabeth Website to keep posted on all events!*
 - *www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/Schools/PrincessEliz OR*
 - *www.dsbm.edu.on.ca*
 1. *click 'schools'*
 2. *click 'school websites'*
 3. *scroll to Princess Elizabeth*

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6. New Business

Parental Involvement: Ideas were shared to increase parental involvement in the school:

- *The goal is to have a Literacy Night during the last week of January.*
- *Other suggestions include having parents/community members come in to be 'Mystery Readers' to groups of students, having parents accompany children to give up a book in good condition to get a book (new to them) in good condition.*
- *More to be discussed at future meetings*

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm