

Princess Elizabeth Public School Advisory Council

Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

1. Welcome

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

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

Regrets: Sherill Roberts, Tracey Gruhl, Donna Swayze, Angela Lazenby

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of September 23, 2009

Minutes accepted unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) *Terry Fox Walk Update:*

- *As of yesterday, there was slightly over \$5500.00 raised for Cancer research.*
- *The Celebration assembly will be held Tuesday, November 3rd at 2:00pm. Any students raising over \$100 will be able to throw a pie in the face of a staff member of their choice! Everyone is welcome to attend!*

b) *Cookie Dough/Gift Catalogue Update:*

- *There was a major glitch in this fundraiser, as proper paperwork, catalogues, info sheets were not delivered until the day before distribution. In the rush of distribution, Robb mentioned his assumed everything was in place (and it was not) – lesson learned!*
- *Orders are due back this week.*
- *It was also noted that the option for a pure donation to the school (instead of purchasing items) was not given as discussed at the previous meeting – this too was omitted in the paperwork mix-up. It was agreed that this is to be put on all fundraisers forthcoming.*

c) *Welland Neighbourhood Project Back to School Clothing:*

- *Phil spoke to this stating that it was well received by those in need.*
- *Brand new clothing items (donated by local businesses) were available for free. If sizes weren't available that night, they would be delivered to the school later.*

d) *Head Lice Check*

- *This was conducted on Friday, October 23rd.*
- *All students in grades 1-4 were checked, along with the afternoon JK/SK's and the grade 5's in 4/5M.*
- *Option was given to 5EF & 6EF and about 10 students volunteered.*
- *Note: since that date, 5EF was checked.*
- *Parents/guardians of those with nits were completely supportive. Notices were distributed to the students in that class, along with any students who volunteer in that classroom.*
- *No cases of live lice were found.*
- *Any student with nits/lice were checked upon their return to school.*

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4. Items for Discussion / Direction

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

- *November 4th, 2009 at Westlane S.S. 4:30-8:30pm*
- *Let Robb know if you wish to attend!*

b) *Front Door Access:*

- *Options were presented about the front door being locked or unlocked and the use of the buzzer.*
- *To best ensure student safety, diligence on the part of the school community on how to deal with anyone who enters the building has been a focus. Staff or trained senior students will be in the office (or foyer) area (8:00am-3:30pm)*
- *The group unanimously agreed that the front door will remain unlocked until 3:30pm (as it has since September).*

5. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report

a) *School Enrolment and Organization Report*

- *As our JK/SK population continues to rise, an area in the library will be set-up and designated for use by the kindergartens. A few morning library classes (of junior & intermediate classes) will be rescheduled in the afternoon to avoid double classes in the library where possible.*
- *Mr. Stayzer (gr. 6/7) who came to us in our addition of a class has taken doctor's orders to take time off due to chronic pain. Mr. Grivich is in on a long-term occasional assignment until at least Christmas.*

b) *East Welland School Accommodation Review*

- *Tonya shared the information from the October 8th meeting.*
- *Robb showed the DSBN website link with all the information regarding the accommodation review.*
- *The group went through the draft 'School Valuation Document' required to submit to the ARC at the next meeting. Any input to this document is invited to go to Robb.*
- *The next ARC meeting is a public meeting on November 19th at 6:30pm at Princess Elizabeth.*

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c) *Calendar*

- Oct. 30: *Hallowe'en Activities*
- Nov. 2: *10 & 1/2F to Woodend*
- Nov. 3: *7EF to Centennial for Career Day (am)*
- Nov. 3: *Terry Fox Celebration Assembly (2:00pm)*
- Nov. 4: *25 grade 8's to Holocaust/Anti-Discrimination Symposium*
- Nov. 5: *pd. 1 & 2: TRIBES activities*
- Nov. 5: *Centennial S.S. Music/Drama presentation (11:15am)*
- Nov. 6: *TRIBES celebration assembly (9:45am)*
- Nov. 11: *Remembrance Day Assembly*
- Nov. 13: *P.A. Day*
- Nov. 16 & 18: *Dental Screening*
- Nov. 17: *Photo Retakes & Class Picture Day*
- Nov. 19: *Gr. 8's to Taste of Eastdale*
- Nov. 19: *Public Accommodation Review Mtg. (6:30pm)*
- Nov. 24: *Next SAC Mtg.*
- *Check out the Princess Elizabeth Website to keep posted on all events!*
 - *www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/PrincessEliz OR*
 - *www.dsbn.edu.on.ca*
 1. *click 'schools'*
 2. *click 'school websites'*
 3. *scroll to Princess Elizabeth*

d) *Other*

- *High School Visits: All grade 8 students who choose to attend a DSBN high school will be given opportunities to visit that high school prior to graduation. Although most interactions are with Eastdale & Centennial, students going to E.L. Crossley will have some opportunities as well.*

6. New Business

a) *EQAO Results from Spring 2009*

- *Robb shared the results (posted on the P.E. website)*
- *Specific time was spent on the school's improvement in bringing students up to levels 2.7 & 2.9 (although this is not recognized in general EQAO data info)*
- *Discussion followed about how staff use this data (along with all other data) to help program for students.*

b) *School Growth Plan*

- *Brief discussion regarding how the strategies identified by EQAO data and other assessments allow schools to make plans to improve their instruction and student achievement.*
- *Next meeting will have more time dedicated to this growth plan*
- *SUGGESTION: 'Bring a friend' night so you have partners with whom to do the activities!*

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm