

Princess Elizabeth School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes: October 25th, 2011

1. *Welcome*

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

Attending: Steve Dube, Jenn Dube, Jennie Laroche, Karen Cutler, Raymond Schad, Rachel Schad, Natalee Koudijs, Devon Koudijs, Lori Lehne, Terri Boyd, Ted Waskawich, Sherill Roberts, Tonya Louks, Michelle Gibson, Lloyd Gibson, Robb McLean, Krystle Corriveau

Regrets: Kim Pepin, Tracey Gruhl, Sherri McQueen

2. *Approval of the Minutes from September 29, 2011*

- Moved by Steve Dube, seconded by Jenn Dube
- Approved

3. *Business Arising from the Minutes*

a) **Petition for Stoplight:**

- We have approximately 300 signatures
- From the newsletter petition, many people sent in stories
- Read the letter that tanya had wrote
- We have talked to two city councilors already that support our idea for increased safety on Linclon St.
- Consensus on how we can send information to the city council.
 - o We are going to make a package that will be sent to the city council,
 - o What is in the package?
 - All the letters
 - A cover letter, written by Tonya
- Will be writing a letter to the newspaper to the editor: Rachel Schad
- Robb hummed the minutes to the Frogger Atari game
- **ACTIONS:**
 - o **Tonya to write cover letter**
 - o **Robb to prepare packages**
 - o **Rachel Schad to write 'Letter to the Editor'**

b) **School Lunch Program:**

- Went well but short notice
- The decision will be made after the first pizza day.
- Send out a notice to write up the numbers for who has ordered what.
- Mentioned to put on the bottom of the sheet to see Mr. McLean if cash is a problem,
 - o Robb will do this going forward.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - o **Jenn Lemay will look into Antipastos in St.Cathrines, to see what they offer and the costs.**
 - o **Mrs.McQueen will find out what the calarorie count and nutritional info is in the food.**
 - o **Robb will put notice regarding support for costs on next order form**

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c) Fun Fair Reflections

- \$4106.00 profit
- Profits going toward the Gynatorium
- This includes the logo design on the gymnasium mats
- We will also ensure that supervisors wear their vests out on yard duty

4. *Principal/Vice-Principal Report*

a) DSBN Parent Involvement Committee

- Conference is on Wednesday, November 2nd (4:30-8:45pm)
- Any parents are welcome to attend – see Robb for registration

b) School Improvement Plan

- Teachers continually assess students
 - o Sometimes informal classroom assessments
 - o Sometimes formal assessments (so can compare PE vs. DSBN vs. Province)
- Needs of the students:
 - o Problem-solving
 - o basic math skills, (i.e. knowing timetables and such)
- Based on the needs of the students, teachers (during the staff meetings) talk about how to change their instruction to better get the kids to learn.

c) Calendar

- Oct. 31: Hallowe'en Activities
- Nov. 2: Parent Involvement Conference
- Nov. 3: Photo Retakes
- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45am)
- Nov. 15: Progress Reports Home
- Nov. 15-19 Book Fair
- Nov. 17 & 19: Parent Interviews (Student-Led Conferences)
- Nov. 29 School Council Mtg.

5. *New Business*

a) Encouraging Parental Involvement

- To go on next month's agenda

b) Communication regarding snow days

- Will be having the info of where parents can get the news of bus cancelations.
- DSBN is looking into a tech solution for website overload
- Snow removal will be done this year. Students said they will help the around the doors.

c) Fun Fair Scheduling (alternate years?)

- Feedback is teachers want it, and so does the SAC.
- Support is approved to have it each year.

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d) Around the Table:

- Pictures:
 - Can we have them picked up by the parents rather than the kids taking them home?
 - If possible, send out a notice before retakes and ask if parents want to pick up their pictures instead of sending them with children.
- Yearbook:
 - Lasting Images will be taking the pictures but the yearbook will still be done by Lifetouch
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser:
 - Why the jams and cheese items? Because Robb messed up!
 - We will review this fundraiser in the spring before next year!

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Meeting Schedule for 2011-12

November 29th

January 17th

February 28th

April 17th

May 29th