

# Princess Elizabeth Public School Advisory Council

## Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

6:30pm in the Library

1. Welcome

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

*In attendance: Tonya Louks, Jacqueline Bujold, Michelle McPherson, Devon Koudijs, Jenn Dube, Steve Dube, Ann Lalonde, Lisa Schirru, Donna Swayze, Angela Lazenby, Jennifer Laroche, Robb McLean, Phil Kelcey, Cyndi Cunningham, Celia Contois, Mike McMurray*

*Regrets: Sherill Roberts, Tracey Gruhl*

2. School Advisory Council Positions

*a) General Positions: Although all decisions try to reach consensus, votes may be necessary. If any vote is required at a meeting, then only those who are official SAC members are eligible to vote. All those in attendance or those sending regrets completed the necessary paperwork to be official SAC members.*

*b) Executive: The Ministry of Education requires at least three official positions to be filled via elections/acclamation. They were as follows:*

- *Chair: Tonya Louks*
- *Vice-Chair Donna Swayze*
- *Secretary Michelle McPherson*

3. Items for Discussion / Direction

*a) Meeting Schedule for 2009-10*

- *SAC meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of most months:*
  - *Tuesday, October 27th 6:30-7:45pm*
  - *Tuesday, November 24th 6:30-7:45pm*
  - *Tuesday, January 26th 6:30-7:45pm*
  - *Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45pm*
  - *Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45pm*

*b) Fundraising Plan 2009-10*

- *Sept. Terry Fox Walk*
  - *Funds going to Cancer research*
- *Oct./Nov. Cookie/Muffin Dough & Gift Catalogue*
  - *Funds going to year-end trips*
- *Nov./Dec. Pointsettia Sales*
  - *Funds going to year-long busing costs*
- *Jan. Dance-A-Thon*
  - *Funds going to gym equipment*
- *Feb./March Hot Dog / Swiss Chalet Lunches*
  - *Funds to support School Musical*

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- *March/Apr. Chocolate Sales (only gr. 7's & 8's)*
  - *Funds to gr. 7/8 year-end trip*
  - *“good chocolate” is suggested (Simply Delicious)*
- *Ongoing:*
  - *Pizza Lunches – funds to community support*
  - *Ice Cream & Popcorn – funds to student awards*
  - *Student Council events – funds split to nutrition club & council priorities*
  - *Juice/Water machines – funds to SAC priorities*

*Note: parents have given direction to avoid more than one purchased lunch per week.*

*c) Welland Neighbourhood Project*

*This is a formalized group providing activities for Welland's youth and assistance to their families. They will have a information table set up at our Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.*

*d) Head Lice Checks*

- *The group worked through many of the hurdles making head lice checks less than ideal in the past.*
- *The group agreed that checks should occur before natural breaks (Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Break, March Break) so parents/guardians could treat children appropriately without missing school.*
- *Volunteers will be trained by Public Health or similar experts.*
- *Checks will be done respecting student privacy.*
- *Any student suspected to have head lice or nits will be checked again by school personnel and/or the Health Nurse (if available).*
- *Robb or Phil will make all communications home regarding head lice.*
- *If any student has head lice or nits, a notice will be sent home that day with the entire class and to any students who volunteer in that class.*
- *Students with live lice may be isolated during class times if parents are unable/unwilling to pick up the student.*
- *Students identified with head lice will be rechecked upon reentry to school.*
- *It was suggested to check with the Welland Neighbourhood Project for help with recurring head lice cases.*

*4. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report*

*a) Student Organizers / Code of Conduct*

*Parents are encouraged to read the student organizers and Code of Conduct as this item will be revisited in the spring before next years' organizers are ordered.*

*b) School Enrolment and Organization Report*

*Due to an increase in projected enrolment, Princess Elizabeth was granted an additional teacher (Ms. K. Riddell) in JK/SK to allow two teachers for the morning group, and an additional teacher in Junior/Intermediate (Mr. R. Stayzer) to alleviate the large numbers in the English grade 4 and 7/8 classes.*

*c) East Welland School Accommodation Review*

*Council members were reminded of the upcoming accommodation review in East Welland. Each school must have representation on this group. Several volunteers said they would attend meetings. The first one is October 8<sup>th</sup> at Princess Elizabeth.*

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d) *Calendar*

- *Terry Fox Walk* - moved to Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- *Early Release Day* - Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>
- *Meet the Teacher BBQ* - Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- *Council was shown the new 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*

5. New Business

a) *EQAO Results from Spring 2009 (Robb)*  
*Moved to October's meeting*

b) *School Growth Plan (Robb)*  
*Moved to October's meeting*

6. Adjournment

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm*