

# Princess Elizabeth School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes: September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## 1. Welcome

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

*Attending:* Raymond Schad, Rachel Schad, Kim Pepin, Natalee Koudijs, Devon Koudijs, Tracey Gruhl, Lori Lehne, Sherri McQueen, Terri Boyd, Ted Waskawich, Sherill Roberts, Tonya Louks, Michelle Gibson, Lloyd Gibson, Robb McLean

*Regrets:* Steve Dube, Jenn Dube, Jennifer Lemay, Karen Cutler, Mags Cayan

## 2. Nominations

Chair: Tanya Louks

Vice chair: Jennifer Dube

Secretary: Devon Koudijs

## 3. Items for Direction/Discussion

### a) Meeting Schedule for 2011-12

October 25th

November 29th

January 17th

February 28th

April 17th

May 29<sup>th</sup>

### b) School Lunch Program:

- We are allowed 10 lunches per year that do not comply with nutritional guidelines. We used one on fun fair day, and the hotdogs. We have 9 days left as of September 29/2011
- Rose city has a pizza that is ok to offer.
- Subway is 2.50 per 6 inch sub. Drinks are extra. Have to see what subs we can offer?
- Pita pit: \$3.00 per pita
- Swiss chalet would be ok, chicken and salad.
  
- Order form would be per month
- Want to start week after thanksgiving, if possible
- Mrs. McQueen's husband is offering to cook pasta sauce.
- Robb is sending out the minutes, which will have the food guide lines.
- Q: If they are on milk program, do they get the food and a drink if offered? A: Yes they get both if they order it.
  
- **ACTIONS:**
  - **Sherill Roberts will look into which Pizzeria is most preferred**
  - **Sherri McQueen will determine the options from Subway**
  - **Robb will prepare the first order to go home as soon as possible**

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**c) Traffic on Lincoln at Scholfield**

- Rachel and Raymond Schad presented a petition they have started to get a stoplight in addition to a crossing guard at Lincoln & Scholfield.
- What do we want to do?
- **ACTIONS:**
  - o **Robb/Lori to put petition in newsletter to be signed and returned. Also, to ask for experiences from people. (to be returned by October 17<sup>th</sup>)**
  - o **Tonya to draft a letter from SAC to support petition**
  - o **Robb to find out how many signatures are required on a petition to make it official**
- If the police scan for speed, can we get a report?

## **4. *Principal/Vice-Principal Report***

**a) Enrolment and Staffing**

- Enrolment numbers are consistent with projections.
- Kindergarten is going well with three full sections.
- Kindergarten teacher Miss Osborne moved to full time at Princess Margaret School in Niagara Falls.
- Mrs. Justyna Marr is the new Kindergarten teacher.

**b) DSBN Parent Involvement Committee**

- Conference is on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (4:30-8:45pm)
- Any parents are welcome to attend – see Robb for registration
- If you can register prior to oct. 7 we get a chance to win \$500 for the school.

**c) Houseleague Program / Junior (grades 4,5,6) Volleyball & Basketball**

- Intent of houseleagues/athletics program is to encourage participation and skill-building
- Data is showing that participation has dropped greatly as students get older, particularly as our junior inter-school teams have been mismatched with opponents.
- Also, there are only 12-14 spots for junior teams while it is not unusual to have 50+ students trying out.
- Therefore, staff is increasing focus on houseleagues from grades 4-8
- PE will not have formal Junior volleyball or basketball teams. Instead, we will have rigorous staff involvement in ‘coaching’ volleyball and basketball houseleagues for grades 4-6.
- In addition, after-school sessions will be offered for those interested students. Exhibition matches could be organized against other schools for fun.
- Intermediate teams (grades 7-8) will have teams for both basketball and volleyball. Grade 6’s are eligible to try out for these teams and can take a position of an intermediate student.

**d) Other**

- Cookie dough order is coming out next week. Grade 7 & 8 student profits go towards their year-end trip to camp.
- Terry Fox run is October 14<sup>th</sup>. Forms coming home October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Breakfast Club will be starting again after Thanksgiving weekend
  - o Funding is given through Niagara Nutrition Partners

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## **5. New Business**

- a) Encouraging Parental Involvement
  - To go on next month's agenda
- b) Fun Fair Scheduling (alternate years?)
  - To go on next month's agenda
  - Note: profits from this years Fun Fair are between \$3500 & \$4000 to go towards gymnasium.
- c) Communication regarding snow days
  - To go on next month's agenda
- d) Around the Table:
  - Request for parking note to go in newsletter
  - Request for school divisions to be put in newsletter
  - How is Bullying handled at PE?
    - We have a good pattern for having the kids talk about any concerns
    - Each student is reviewed regularly through In School Team
    - TRIBES program gives students many opportunities to talk about concerns to teachers, or older students
  - Communication about snow days: board website can't handle the load, can we look into other ways to communicate? Can't use twitter itself as everything has to go through the board. So we will have to see if we can get them to use another service.
  - Request to clear sidewalks and bus zones on snow days
  - Request to put in the newsletter the details for students where to go when it rains.

## **6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm