

St. Edward's School Council

January 13, 2009

Team Members: Tamara Wheaton, School Chair; Denis Petten, Parent Representative; Robin Walters, Parent Representative; Trudy Buckle, Teacher Representative; Deborah Gillingham, Teacher Representative; Rick Gagnon, Principal
 Absent: Roxanne Cooper, Parent Representative

ITEM	TOPIC	PRESENTER	PURPOSE	ACTION
1.2	CRT Action Plan Mathematics	Rick	Information	<p>A number of strategies have been and will be put in place to support the mathematics programming at St. Edward's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numeracy support teacher in place for grades 3, 5 and 6 • G3's - Steps to problem solving – common answers both written and verbal • Establish a consistent Math language to be used across all grades – math dictionary containing list of terms, etc. Reinforce concepts. • Work with smaller groups – ex. Split G1's – as much as possible for guided reading and math • Math games: K & G1 • Math manipulatives being developed • Math page added to school website: http://teacherweb.com/NF/StEdwardsSchool/SchoolHomePage/apt1.stm • Greater emphasis on Math problem solving • Family math problem – going home in coming weeks • Half-day math PD for all teachers (math marking, rubrics, math language, etc.)
1.1	CRT Action Plan Language Arts	Trudy	Information	<p>Similarly a number of strategies have been and will be put in place to support language arts programming at St. Edward's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening: announcements, etc. • Demand Writing: 2 pieces from each class; corrected using rubric at PD session (gain consistency in marking, how rubric used, etc.) • Visual Reading: increase use of posters, etc; build-up school resources • Information Reading: started initiatives 2 years ago; new magazines being used (Owl, Chickadee, etc.; Trudy working more with students (ex. G3); guided reading; "Camet" – consistent use.

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2	School Council Web Page	Rick	Information/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School council webpage is added to the school site: http://teacherweb.com/NF/StEdwardsSchool/SchoolHomePage/apt2.stm It was agreed to list all members and their email addresses It was agreed a brief statement defining school council's be included. Minutes of meetings will be posted on the site.
3	CBS Literacy Council	Trudy	Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School support loonies for literacy campaign each year – enables the Council to continue with numerous projects (read-to-one kits for new borns, thematic kits, purchases for CBS library, etc.) Family literacy day – January 24th Guides involved. More info will go home through newsletter
4.1	Playground Equipment	Rick	Information/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has agreed to do the install of new equipment Equipment will be purchased through the town Rick will draft letters seeking donations to support purchase of equipment: RBC, local Saturn dealer.
4.2	Fencing	Rick	Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has completed some repairs Likely require new fence in the spring. Town will do a replacement cost estimate Goal to cost share replacement: School, Town CBS, St. Edward's Parish
4.3	Spring Fair	Rick	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council take on as a project Members shared some preliminary ideas (silent auction, 50/50 draws, bake sale, etc.) Time: mid-May (before Mother's Day) was generally felt to be best time)

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5	Safety	Tamara	Question/Discussion	Discussion re dismissal procedures and measures that have been taken to ensure students get on correct bus and so on. The school reiterated that all steps possible have been taken to ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for all students. Parking arrangement of buses is a limiting factor. Role call is being used for after-school activities, etc.
6	Snowshoes	Tamara	Information/Discussion	Potential to have snowshoeing as a Physical Education outdoor activity. Members agreed and Tamara agreed to seek price quotes for same.
7	Next Meeting			Topics to include: Lockdown and Secure Schools policies (powerpoint presentations). Date: February 10, 2009 at 5:45 p.m.