

St Edward's School Council

10 February 2009 5:45pm

Members present: Chair - Tamara Wheaton

Parent Representatives: Denise Petten, Roxanne Cooper

Principal: Rick Gagnon

Teacher Representatives: Trudy Buckle, Deborah Gillingham, Annette King

Item 1

Secure Schools/Lockdown Policies

Students were given handouts today informing parents of this new policy and upcoming education/training which will ensue. Specifics of the training, procedures and rationale were discussed extensively. Notable for parents was the statistic that between 1995 and 2005, zero children were killed in school fires whereas +200 children died as a result of violence in schools. In the event of a lockdown emergency, the RNC will respond, a School Emergency Kit will be kept in the office, and children will undergo training for staying safe in their classrooms.

Security Camera

In keeping with the new Secure Schools policies, a security camera will be installed soon at the main/office entrance and a buzzer installed. All exterior doors will be locked at 9:05am and opened again at 2:55pm.

Item 2

Spring Fair

Plans for a major May fundraiser were discussed. Goal is to raise funds for new playground equipment. Spring Fair will be fashioned after the successes of other schools/groups in the area with games, raffles, silent auction, fish pond, bake sale, canteen etc. School council will meet again 26 Feb at 5:45 to begin planning and then future meetings will be open to parent volunteers.

Item 3

School Extension

Mr Gagnon advised the Council that St Edward's is schedule for an extension soon. Confirmation to follow.

Next Meeting: 10 March 09 at 5:45