

MINUTES

Roy H Crosby School Council Draft of Minutes
February 9th, 2009

In attendance: Jen B, Lisa D, David G, Megan H, Georgia K, Joanne K, Bianca M, Lesli M, Kelly M, Denvy N, Renee P, Melanie S, Vicky T, Gail T, Sabrina T, Kim V, Chris W, Basil W, Ulya Y

Chair Lesli called the meeting to order at 7:20 She welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for keeping productive over the break. She asked for pictures of school events to be submitted for the school's website and talked about supporting literacy at home. Kim motioned to accept December's minutes and Vicky seconded.

Principal's Report

- Please see the attached Principal's Report.

Treasurer's Report - Magazine official total profit was \$5560.51. Pizza to date number is \$3513.57. Fundraising has raised \$13043.62 so far this year. A cheque deposited last year was off \$100 from what bank counted. Kelly proposed that we make a journal entry to wipe the \$100 off the books. Beth motioned to approve and Joanne seconded. Bereavement donations on behalf of Mr. Staite and Mrs. Arbour will be made. Ulya motioned to accept report as presented and Gail seconded.

Committees

Fundraising –Jen presented that the committee will be meeting monthly until June. The Crosby Snack Shack is going well with a YTD profit of \$974.79. Freezies will be back in March. Family movie night will be held on Feb 20th from 6:30-8:30. Cost will be \$5 per child or \$10 per family and will include popcorn and juice. Subcommittee will be meeting later to vote on movie. Crosby Spring Social tentatively set for June 11th from 5-8 pm. Raffle tickets to go home prior to the March Break – book of 10 tickets for \$20. Each child gets a book. Raffle prizes will be:

- Dunning Gift Basket
- Hempen Jewelers Package
- I Phone
- Wii, Xbox, ds, etc

Raffle draw will be held on the evening of the event. There will be a live band and BBQ and bake sale. Chris agreed to donate a Playstation for the raffle.

- **Environmental** – Beth will email Tricia about the batteries in the lobby.
- **Health & Safety** David mentioned that the medic alert people will be giving out free bracelets to anyone who needs one aged 4-14.
- **Playground** – Chris reported that Councilor John Webster feels the school would be eligible for at least \$5000 from the city to "greenify" the playground. He is also hoping to come up with a rough design for the playground to present to contributors.
- **Staff Appreciation** – No report
- **Communication** – No report.
- **Governance** – No report.
- **Education Committee** – The education committee has discussed several options including www.odysseyofthemind, spelling bee, science fair and an invention convention.

General Discussion – Lesli would like all the subcommittees to add her to their distribution lists to keep her in the loop.

Bianca presented that 2 other performances have been booked. Silk Road Music on March 26th in the afternoon and Ballet Jörgen will be performing the Emperor's New Clothes on May 1st. The skating party has been scheduled for March 13th.

The proposed Milne Pathway was brought up. Joanne agreed to forward to Beth the public meeting notice and Beth will distribute to council.

Renee proposed that Fundraising look into alternatives to freezies for sale due to some children having sensitivities to artificial dyes/flavours.

Valentine's Lollipops – it was proposed that council buy lollipops for all children not receiving them – estimated cost was \$10. David felt that was inappropriate for council to do so Joanne paid the money herself.

David agreed to remind all the lunch assistants about forgotten lunches after it was mentioned that a child in Kindergarten went without lunch one day.

It was mentioned that the cost of field trips add up and could parents be informed at the beginning of the year of which field trips will be offered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Next Meeting March 9th 2009, 2008 7:15 School Library

Principal Report to School Council- Roy H. Crosby P.S.

February 9, 2009

- 1) Staffing Changes (temporary)
 - a. Mrs. Maclean on short-term leave- Miss Kim Idiens (until March 13)
 - b. Mrs. Hunt-Wells going on maternity leave- Miss Annelise Plummer (as of March 23)
- 2) Planning for 2009-2010
 - a. Projections- similar numbers to this year (kindergarten registration underway (as well as other registrations for next year))
 - b. School organization, Gifted screening, staffing allocations, teacher transfer and surplus processes all underway ... will be shared when finalized in later spring.
 - c. Student start date- September 8, 2009 (two P.A. Days on Sept. 2 & 3 ... not enough "instructional days" between Sept. 8 and June 30, 2010)
- 3) Garfield Weston Awards nominee- Fraser Institute
 - a. Toronto Sun feature- March 1st
 - b. April 7 awards dinner- School Council member invited
- 4) Co-curricular activities
 - a. Co-ed volleyball team placed third in regionals
 - b. School musical- *I Need a Vacation* (written by Mr. Holmeshaw)- April 28-29 (now in rehearsal)
 - c. Literacy through Song-Writing with Gregg Lawless (4/5 class)- 3 sessions and performance at Markham Theatre on April 15th (Responsibility)- Rogers television feature- April 6th

- d. Toronto Symphony Concert- Primaries last week, Juniors- May 7
 - e. Electives- Feb. 5 and 19
 - f. Hip Hop dance week April 6-9 (through Program Enhancement Grant)
 - g. M-S Read-a-thon- ending February 20th
 - h. Black History Month- announcements, display case, library
 - i. Winter door-decorating contest (Student Council)- 3 winning classes
 - j. Literacy Through Drama- March 2 (through PEG)
- 5) Request for SC funding of school initiatives
- a. Reminder (cost-sharing window open in March until late April):
 - i. Technology- SMART board- adjustable wall mount cost-shared price \$1807.58 (demonstration, P.D. for staff, research project)
- 6) School Council support of student achievement
- a. Primary purposes of a school council
 - i. To support student achievement
 - ii. To advise principal on school policies
 - b. School Plan for Continuous Improvement
 - i. How can parents support learning at home?
 - ii. How can parents support character education at home?