

# MINUTES

*Roy H Crosby School Council Draft of Minutes*  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**In attendance:** LEEANNE A, ANGELA G, MARNI H, DEBRA L, LESLI M, BETH S, PETRA S, MELANIE S, GAIL T, KIM V, CHRIS W, BASIL W, ULYA Y, MICHELLE N, DAVID G

**Chair** Lesli called the meeting to order at 7:20 It was noted that in the March minutes the amount moved to the playground commitment was incorrect. It should read \$1550.00. Beth motioned to approve the minutes and Ulya seconded.

## Principal's Report

- Please see the attached Principal's Report.

**Treasurer's Report** - The \$1800 for the new Smart Board was moved over to the commitments section and \$1550 was moved to the playground commitment. It was requested that a 5 year history of fundraising initiatives be included with the monthly financials for tracking. It was also noted that the wording of the long term playground commitment wording needs to be corrected to reflect \$1550 not \$15500. Michelle motioned to approve as amended and Ulya seconded.

## Committees

- **Fundraising** –
  - April 24<sup>th</sup> is the next movie night. The junior students took a vote on what to show. It was recommended that the primary students be included in the vote for the next movie night.
  - Gail will look into a possible Mabel's Labels fundraiser for May.
  - The sub sandwich forms should be going out soon. Will be on alternate Tuesdays from pizza days.
  - The raffle tickets for the spring social have gone to print. Will be sent home in early May. Gail needs class lists to assign tickets to students. David will be doing face painting.
  - The teachers opted not to do the cake decorating again this year.
- **Environmental** – It was mentioned that the school needs to be Eco-School compliant by 2010
- **Health & Safety** Debra has not received any feedback from the sesame allergy lists.
- **Playground** – Chris now has a school site plan and he will meet with Karen to go over it. There is a playground committee meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Chris' office. He feels it's important that we can issue tax receipts in order to get big donations from people. He hopes to have a playground plan in place by next year.
- **Staff Appreciation** – No report
- **Communication** – Ulya will pay for the website and get reimbursed by Kelly.
- **Governance** – No report.
- **Education Committee** – Beth reported that she would like to see The Director's Cut come to the school for classroom sessions. They did the Media Day as an elective and it was very successful. It costs \$21 per child. The website is <http://www.thedirectorscut.ca/>. Beth will bring the DVD's that the kids made to the next meeting and Basil will bring something to play them on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

**Next Meeting** May 12<sup>th</sup> 2009, 2008 7:15 School Library  
Principal's Report to School Council  
April 6, 2009

- 1) Staffing and School Organization:
  - a. All staffing and school organization processes are currently on hold while local negotiations are being finalized. Projections continue ... we are close to the same population as this year, therefore, the combined grade classes will comprise most of the school organization again next year.
  - b. Lindsey Maclean and Fiona DeFry have returned from their approved leaves.
  - c. Breanne Hunt-Wells (Teacher-Librarian/ ESL) had a healthy son on March 30. Annelise Plummer will be filling the library position until June.
  - d. 4 student teachers working with us- UOIT, U of Ottawa, Tyndale University
  
- 2) Literacy Focus
  - a. LEARNetwork (8 schools in the area)
  - b. Working together on improving literacy practices and improving student achievement
  - c. Unit planning- focus expectations in reading comprehension, student friendly success criteria, culminating tasks, samples of strong and weak work, assessment based on the provincial achievement chart (Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Communication, Application), descriptive feedback (stars and stairs) for improvement
  - d. Use of Case Management as a process where we monitor students who may be struggling, and work collaboratively to identify strengths and needs, and instructional interventions ~6 week cycle
  - e. Professional development, resource acquisition and implementation
  - f. Literacy Fair, together with James Robinson P.S., where we share our literacy journey with other schools outside our network for learning and celebration- May 14
  
- 3) Current and past events
  - a. Literacy Through Songwriting Project (Maclean's 4/5 class with Gregg Lawless)- Rogers TV- *Daytime*- on at 5 and 11 p.m. today

- b. Hip Hop with Micaila Murray this week- sharing session Thursday afternoon;
  - c. Errol Lee concert and keynote performance last week ... many thanks to School Council for supporting the Friday morning presentation;
  - d. Gifted screening process now complete and families notified
  - e. Earth Hour- successful shut down on Friday afternoon- March 27, and good participation from families on the 28<sup>th</sup> (Ontario down 6.5%)
- 4) Future events
- a. School Council Forum- Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Bill Crothers S.S. 6-8 p.m.
  - b. Literacy Through Music- songwriting project- Grade 4/5 class working with Gregg Lawless- Markham Theatre performance- April 15
  - c. Earth Day/ Week- April 22 (April 20-24)
  - d. *I Need a Vacation*- school musical- April 28 and 29
  - e. Music Alive festival- Concert Band performing on April 29
  - f. Battle of the Books- April 28 6:30 p.m.
  - g. Toronto Symphony Trip- Junior students- May 7
  - h. Literacy Fair- May 14
  - i. Area Relay meet- May 20
  - j. School Track and Field Day- May 21
  - k. EQAO- May 25-June 5 (6 one hour sessions for Grade 3 and 6, Language and Mathematics)- avoid scheduling appointments during these two weeks for these grades, please.
  - l. Dufflebag Theatre- Robin Hood- June 12 (Program Enhancement Grant)
- 5) Input needed- School Agendas- volunteers for a sub-committee to work with David to look at dress code, code of conduct, technology policies, and homework policies
- 6) Principal Profile needed to file with area office
- 7) Thanks to School Council for support of many different endeavours, financially and with your presence ... arts programs, skating, Character Education initiatives, technology, and more.
- 8) Other items: