

MINUTES

Roy H Crosby School Council Draft of Minutes
September 15, 2008

In attendance: Joe S, Gail T, Kim V, Rich C, Laura D, Renee P, Jennifer B, Megan H, Joanne K, Dean L, Denvy N, Rona M, Leeanne A, Xiaolin N, Beatrice L, Joan C, Kelly M, Dominic L, Ulya Y, Bianca M, Sherri D, Melanie S, Georgia K, Leslie M, Angela G, Petra S, Ramona S, David X, Yongmei X, Beatrice L, Matthew P, Kelly M, Marni H, David G, Basil W, Lisa D, Vicky T, Beth S, Sabrina T

Chair Vicky called the meeting to order at 7:20. Vicky thanked everyone for coming and everyone introduced themselves. Megan motioned to approve June's minutes and Joanne seconded.

Principal's Report

- Please see the attached Principal's Report.
- David reminded everyone that Council meetings are not the forum for individual child's problems/discussions.
- School Council Handbook handed out. Council is the bridge between community and school. As part of Council we have the chance to get involved in school – kids seem to enjoy having parents involved. Improves student learning when parents are involved.

Treasurer's Report Laura reported that we still have two bank accounts, but that the TD account is close to being closed. GIC closes on Oct 2nd. Vicky will roll over for 30 days and the new council can decide what to do with it. QSP refund cheque arrived over the summer. Gail motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented, and Joanne seconded.

Chair's Report

- Vicky reviewed the existing committees list and recommended that the new council look into an education committee and a social committee.
- She explained that the minutes are sent out to all members blind, but committee communication is usually done more openly.
- Megan has agreed to do the Pizza lunches again and will do forgotten lunches unless someone else would like to.
- Bianca agreed to do performances again.
- She proposed that the new council amend the constitution to allow executive members to extend their term beyond 2 years when necessary
- Vicky outlined the new council election process
 - Executive Nomination forms due by Sept 22
 - List of posted candidates to community by Sept 25
 - Election held if necessary on Sept 29

Committees

- **Fundraising –**
 - Gail did a brief presentation on Freezie Friday. Every Friday (Thursday when PA Day or holiday) parent volunteers will sell freezies for \$1.00 (a cold weather alternative will be offered). Estimating a \$4000 profit. Beth motioned to start this Friday – Laura seconded.
 - Joanne has arranged to have QSP come to the GNA on Sept 29 for the kick off assembly. The campaign will run from Sept 29 – Oct 17th. Last year we sold 605 subscriptions – the previous year was 902. Last year a parent proposed that teachers could recommend magazines for the kids in their class age range for ESL parents. David will discuss with teachers.
 - Megan presented a proposal for bringing in Subway subs on alternate weeks to supplement the pizza program. Their price for an assorted sub was \$2.50 for a small and \$4.75 for a large

- Beth presented about Swiss Chalet who will deliver mini sandwiches/wraps/salads. One mini sandwich with fries and mandarin orange cup is \$3.00 She estimated a \$2000 profit
- Beth also proposed that Council set up a bake sale for the upcoming federal election as the school is a polling station.
- **Environmental** – The environmental committee’s main mandate is to support the student environmental club and to coordinate the battery/toner recycling program. Time commitment is small
- **Health & Safety** – David mentioned that the lunch monitors have all had CPR training and training in how to use EPI pens.
- **Playground** – It was discussed that this year’s playground committee will probably meet more frequently. Debra Larkin agreed to chair this committee in absentia
- **Staff Appreciation** – A potluck dinner is organized for the night of the parent/teacher interviews and then a proper sit down lunch is organized toward the end of the year.
- **Communication** – This committee is in charge of the phone books and maintaining the website and putting out newsletters. All meetings are held electronically
- **Pro Grant** – Each year the Ministry offers grants to schools to spend on engaging the parent community. A grant application needs to be filled out, events organized, and then a form has to be filled out explaining how we used the money afterwards.
- **Governance** – The constitution needs to be looked at this year.

General Discussion – It was asked when the 2nd swing was going to be replaced. The school is waiting on S hooks. David will look for the guidebooks for the new games painted on the tarmac. It was mentioned that some parents felt unwelcome when they came to visit their children at lunchtime. David will review the policy with parents. The bridge from Drakefield into Milne is going to be closed so the school can expect more foot traffic from people accessing the park. Buses seem to be stacking up in the morning before the teacher’s come on duty at 8:20. David will look into. It was asked why computers are no longer listed on the curriculum. David mentioned that the board does not support computers as a curriculum subject, but assumes that technology will be integrated into all areas of the curriculum. All teachers have access to the laptop carts.

Next Meeting – October 6th 2008 7:15 School Library

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

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School Improvements and Changes

- pavement painting (Program Enhancement Grant)
- sidewalk repair (front sidewalk)
- new flag pole
- playground upgrades (painting, panels, gravel)
- computer lab now multi-purpose room (book room, technology, meeting and consultation space)

Staffing

- enrolment- ~285 (down ~20 from 2007-2008)
- staff- 18 teachers (6 part-time), 1 EA, 3 support staff, (Milne- 1 teacher, 1 EA)
- changes from staff published in agenda and Opening Day newsletter:
- Monday-Wednesday JK/SK Melissa Oosman for Kelly Chevrefils (0.5 LTO)

- Grade 2/3- Rachel Berdugo for Lisa Robinson-Briggs (0.6 LTO)
- Educational Assistant- Fiona DeFry (Abey Suriya)
- Library/ ESL- Joanne Peet for Breanne Hunt-Wells (short term leave)

School Organization

- 2 x JK/SK, 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3, 4/5, 5/6; 4G, 4/5G, 5/6G, 6G
- student placements made with input from teachers, parents, administration

Board and School Plans

- <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca> for Board Plan for Continuous Improvement
- school focus on 3 areas:
 - 1) Curriculum Implementation and Student Achievement-
 - a) particular focus on literacy- Assessment for Learning in Reading Comprehension
 - b) Literacy teacher, Reading Recovery, LEARNetwork, Literacy Collaborative
 - 2) Parent, Family, and Community Engagement
 - a) support for student learning at home
 - b) School Council
 - c) community outreach
 - 3) School and Workplace Climate
 - a) safe schools- anti-bullying
 - b) character education

EQAO

- school results to be released on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008
- Individual Student Reports to be sent home over the following 3 weeks

Communication

- student agenda/ communication book- daily check
- Crosby Chronicle* monthly newsletter (one-page summary published and sent home, full version posted on school website at the end of each month <http://www.royhcrosby.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>)- email reminders... sign up on line.
- telephone- voicemail for all teachers
- email david.geene@yrdsb.edu.on.ca (other teachers available as well)
- road sign

Safety Awareness Week-Sept. 22-26, 2008

- daily safety reminders
- training for School Lunch Assistants (completed)
- St. John's Ambulance training for student lunch monitors (completed)
- Fire Drill review (will be completed this week)
- finalization of anaphylaxis and allergy information from parents
- Code Red drill- intruder alert
- staff training- Sept. 26 (P.A. Day)

BBQ and Meet-the-Teacher Curriculum Night-Thursday, Sept. 25th, 5:45-8:00 p.m.

- pre-order BBQ (assistance needed)
- Primary division (JK-3) teachers present as a team at 6:30 in the gym
- Junior division (4-6) teachers present in their own classes at 6:30 & 7:15 p.m.
- teachers available in classrooms after each presentation

New Curriculum- Science and Technology- implemented as of Sept. 2008

School Council Forums & Trustees and Superintendents

- green handout

Use of School Council grants to classrooms

- Thank you to School Council for funding of school-wide and classroom projects last year
- \$1, 056.98 remaining from non-consumable grants to classrooms
- request to use remaining funds to secure the services of Twenty47Func (hip hop dance) for April 2009

