

# MINUTES

*Roy H Crosby School Council Draft of Minutes*  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**In attendance:** LEEANNE A, JENNIFER B DAVID G, MEGAN H, JOANNE K, DEAN L, LESLI M, DENVY N, BETH S, PETRA S, VICKY T, GAIL T, BASIL W, ULYA Y, KELLY M, LINDSEY M

**Chair** Lesli called the meeting to order at 7:15 and noted that the agenda was changed to allow Mrs. Maclean to leave early. Ulya motioned to approve November's minutes and Denvy seconded. It was noted that Deb L is not vice-chair as previously reported

**Smart Board Proposal** – Mrs. Maclean did a presentation on Smart Boards. The school already has 2 portable units, but they would like council to commit to a cost sharing initiative with the Board to buy a wall mounted unit for Mrs. Maclean's classroom. She uses it frequently as a projector, black board and many interactive uses that allow the students to work with virtual manipulatives and other virtual tools. She feels that the smart board has many benefits – better than a blackboard, easier to see for students, students can participate, etc. The decision needs to be made before Mar/Apr. Approximate cost is \$1770.

## **Principal's Report**

- Please see the attached Principal's Report.

**Treasurer's Report** - October was a quiet month. Kelly has come up with a plan to accommodate the need for 2 people to count all money. One parent can count the money after popcorn sales (and other fund raising initiatives), and fill out the yellow counting form that can be found in the Council cubby. The money and form should then be put in a bag and given to LEEANNE. Kelly will pick up the money and count it. She will then send an email to the original counter if there is any error – this email just acts as an official notification of the 2<sup>nd</sup> count. Joanne is going to work on the form. Megan motioned to approve the statement as presented and Denvy seconded. Beth brought a motion to give teacher's the \$300 donation to buy non-consumable items. Vicky seconded. LEEANNE is going to give Kelly a cheque for the money last year that wasn't spent by the teachers. Denvy gave Lesli a sheet as a proposal for better tracking of the financials. Beth mentioned that the current forms are actually sufficient if used. David would like to get Kelly some support for whatever spreadsheet is used.

**Band Proposal** – Beth presented the band proposal on behalf of Mrs. Colley (see attached). It was motioned to give her \$2000 this year.

**Principal Profile** – Council broke into brainstorming groups to come up with characteristics for the principal profile. Lesli collected the worksheets and will compile the information

## **Committees**

- **Fundraising** -Jen presented results of the poinsettia sale. We sold 311 plants vs. 239 last year. The profits should be close to \$1400. The bake sale raised \$459.36. The cougar clothing has 122 orders so far with a projected profit of \$500 and \$30 was raised by Melanie's beautiful cards. Thanks to Melanie. It is projected that QSP profits will be around \$5000.  
  
Popcorn Fridays are doing well. \$110 was made last week (not including the cost of popcorn). For the next 2 weeks the popcorn will be sold with hot chocolate in the gym starting at 12:50. It's being called the "Cougar Snack Shack". They will be using recycled cups and plastic lids
- **Environmental** – Still needs a chair
- **Health & Safety** – Lesli will compile the information that Debra found and come up with a note about sesame safe food. The school's Health&Safety inspection was last week with no major finds.

- **Playground** – Gail reported that Chris is working on a mission statement. He has been talking to the John Webster at the town and was told we can get \$5000
- **Staff Appreciation** – Teachers loved the pot luck dinner. There are still casserole dishes in the staffroom
- **Communication** – The phone book will going home next week.
- **Governance** – Denvy will discuss at next meeting.
- **Education Committee** – will meet with the lead teachers to come up with a plan.

It was discussed that a social committee could be formed within fundraising.

**General Discussion** – IT was mentioned that the term “bully” is being used inappropriately and the kids need to be informed of it’s proper use. Beth asked if the 20 minute periods that exist now will be used next year. David said he would have more info in the spring. Denvy wanted to know why parents weren’t allowed to volunteer in the upper grades. David mentioned that it is the teacher’s discretion and parent availability that factor into that. Fulltime kindergarten in 2010 was brought up, but David mentioned that he’s not sure if that is still going through. David responded to a parent’s question about renting the school out for camps by saying that the school would not profit from it.

Leeanne mentioned that the cost of Electives was set as low as possible and that it is hard to find a low cost option that fits in with the full day program.

**Next Meeting** February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009, 2008 7:15 School Library

Principal Report to School Council- Roy H. Crosby P.S.  
December 8, 2008

- 1) Term 1 now concluded
  - a. Report cards went home on Nov. 26
  - b. Interviews on Nov. 27 and 28
  - c. Ongoing communication essential (by parents and teachers!)
- 2) A Learning Environment
  - a. Student teachers from Ryerson, Tyndale College, Lakehead University
  - b. Several undergraduate volunteers, and high school co-op students
  - c. Network workshop participants within staff ... sharing through division meetings
  - d. Literacy Leadership Team- Literacy Collaborative
  - e. Case Management- monitoring and strategizing for struggling readers
  - f. P.A. Days- *Health and Safety Day, Shared Solutions* (conflict management), *Supporting Children and Families* (CAS, York Centre)
- 3) Co-curricular activities
  - a. Co-ed volleyball team now practicing
  - b. Fire on the Mountain- dodgeball championship completed
  - c. York Regional Police VIP program now concluded (Gr. 6)
  - d. Crosby Idol last Friday- 15 acts
  - e. Sounds of the Season holiday concert- next Wednesday at P.E. Trudeau HS- 6:30 p.m.
  - f. Student Council- actively working to support community projects, including choir visit to Union Villa, new mural in Junior hall
  - g. Food Drive and Hat & Mitten Collection- until Dec. 17
  - h. Literacy through Song-Writing with Gregg Lawless (4/5 class)- 3 sessions and performance at Markham Theatre in April (Responsibility)
  - i. Mathletes days (with James Robinson P.S.)- Grades 4-6 Dec. 1-2 ... a great success!
  - j. Sharon and Bram concert for K-3

- k. Program Enhancement Grant- Ministry: \$5,000 for arts, physical education, outdoor education programs in schools
- 4) Request for SC funding of school initiatives (REVISED)
- a. Teachers have indicated that they would like to continue \$300 per teacher/classroom, with the option to combine their amounts for special projects (non-consumable items only, as specified by previous councils)
  - b. Additional requests:
    - i. Mathletes- \$500 contribution toward total amount
    - ii. Technology- SMART board- wall mount cost-shared price \$1768.94 (demonstration, P.D. for staff, research project)
- 5) Coming soon
- a. Kindergarten registration- begins January 12, 2009 (let neighbours know!)
  - b. Multiple Scelrosis Read-a-thon- January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. Forest of Reading- Library

**Why should Roy H. Crosby purchase and/or Rent instruments?**

Due to the physical size of Crosby, students will always be required to rent their own instruments – even if Band becomes the curriculum for the grades 5 & 6’s. The premise behind Crosby owning instruments is so that students will be able to rent the larger, more expensive instruments (such as Baritone, tuba and Bass clarinets) from the school at the same price that students will rent flutes, clarinets, trumpets, and trombones from a music store. This allows the opportunity for a more balance ensemble, greater student choice of affordable instruments and potentially the opportunity for the school to support those students who can’t afford to rent an instrument. A good band needs low brass and woodwinds as it is the bass sound that provides the foundation for the sound, and if Crosby owns some instruments it will allow more flexibility for me (the music teacher) to accommodate the needs of the students.

The money that students’ will give to the school to “rent” an instrument will help with the maintenance costs of the instruments as well as purchasing music for the band(s). Also, assigning one student per instrument will help keep that maintenance cost down.

The following is a breakdown of what I suggest Crosby currently needs in terms of instruments, as well as the purchase price and rental cost.

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Suggested quantity</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Rental/per school year</b>	<b>Purchase price</b>
Tuba	1	Cosmo	\$499	\$2719
Baritone	3	St. John’s Music	\$289 (from cosmo)	\$1296 (\$3888 for 3)
Tenor Saxophone	2	St. John’s Music	\$309 (from Cosmo)	\$1136 (\$2272 for 2)
Bass Clarinet	2	St. John’s Music	\$349 (from Cosmo)	\$1504 (\$3008 for 2)
Snare Drum Kit	1	Cosmo	\$99	\$178
Bass Drum	1	<b>Purchased</b>	<b>last year for</b>	<b>\$50</b>
Bass Drum Stand	1	Cosmo	N/A	\$65
Crash Cymbals	1	Cosmo	N/A	\$309
Suspended Cymbal	1	Cosmo	N/A	\$159
Suspended Cymbal Stand	1	Cosmo	N/A	\$140
			TOTAL (not including tax)	\$12 738