

Roy H. Crosby School Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of March 9, 2009 Meeting

Held in Library of Roy H. Crosby School, Markham, Ontario

Meeting Attendees

- Principal
David G.
- Voting School Council Members
 1. School Council Executive:
Lesli M. (Chair), Kelly M. (Treasurer)
 2. Other Voting Members (*per October 1, 2008 Letter from David G.*),
Xiaolin N, Renee P., Jennifer B., Megan O, Joanne K. , Ulya Y, Denvy N.
- Parents, Guardians, and Guests
Melanie S., Judy N.
- Representatives
 1. Community Representative- Chris W.
 2. Support Staff Representative- Leeanne A.
- Absent:
Beth S. (Secretary), Lisa D., Rich C., Laura D., Dominic L., Rona M., Lynn N., Ramona S., Joe S., Kim V., David X., Yongmei X., Bianca M., Angela G., Gail T., Vicky T., Petra S., Basil W. (Teaching Staff Representative), Sabrina T., Dean L., Sherri D.

Note: Initials of above persons are used below:

Meeting Documents

The following documents were developed, provided, discussed and/or referenced at the meeting and attached for reference:

1. Meeting Agenda dated March 9, 2009
2. Principal's Report dated March 9, 2009
3. Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2009
4. "Fresh Fruit Snak Pack" sample form/proposal
5. Meeting attendance sign-in sheet

Issues Discussed

1. Meeting Called to Order

LM called the meeting to order at approx 7:25pm.

2. Motion to Accept Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion put forward by JK, seconded by RP, and passed.

3. Discussion of Principal's Report

Refer to Principal's report for detailed listing of topics.

Below are main headings of the Principal's report and identification of certain topics mentioned in verbal summary by DG:

(1) Staffing and School Organization

- All staffing and school organization processes are currently on hold while location negotiations are being finalized

(2) Negotiations

- Local negotiations underway with target completion in April/09

(3) Current and Past Events

- Toronto Sun feature article on Fraser Institute rankings by EQOA scores, mentioning Roy Crosby and citing interview with DG.
- Some students misused (crank call) phone books, highlighting necessity for privacy

(4) Future Events

- Crosby Character Counts (anti-bullying message)- with Errol Lee- public concert- April 2, school presentation April 3

(5) Thanks to School Council

- Teachers were given deadline of end of February/2009 to either use or lose their \$300 teacher allocation from School Council.

(6) Action Items (agreed to discuss later in meeting)

- Motion to approve \$1800 for wall-mounted Smartboard
- Motion to approve an amount for anti-bullying/character performance by Errol Lee.

4. Discussion of Treasurer's Report

KM presented and discussed Treasurer's report as summarized below:

Item	Amount at Jan.31, 2009 (\$000)
TD Account	+ \$3,500
Pace Accounts	+ \$29,800
GIC	+ \$10,300
Current Commitments	- \$3,600
Playground Commitment	- \$10,400
Cash Balance	= \$29,600

- KM advised error in prior Treasurer's report had overstated profit from Cougar Clothing by approx. \$900.
- KM noted that Current Commitments balance (see above) is coming down.
- KM advised fundraising at Jan.31/2009 was approx.\$12,800.
- MO raised issue that it was previously agreed that half of funds from carnival fundraiser, of approx. \$800, was to be put towards Playground commitment. It was agreed that this would be done with the net effect of increasing the above Playground Commitment by \$800 and reducing the Cash Balance by the same amount.
- Decided that further clarification needed regarding status of Performances commitment (i.e. what has been booked, paid-to date, and remaining to be paid)

5. Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report

- Motion put forward by JK, seconded by RP, and passed.

6. Motion to Approve \$900 for Errol Lee Performance

- MO raised idea of putting any unused Teacher's request (as deadline to use or loose money was Feb 28/09) towards the request by DG for School Council partial funding of Errol Lee performance.
- Motion to approve \$900 towards Errol Lee Performance- by first any amounts of unused Teacher requests, and if any shortfall exists, by second, School Council would fund the difference up to \$900.
- Above motion was put forward by JK, seconded by UY, and passed.

7. Motion to approve \$1800 for Smartboard

- Request for funding of wall-mounted smart board was on current and prior Principal's request
- JK asked about \$0 balance on "Computer Contribution Commitment" on Treasurer's Report and DG mentioned 10 laptops already purchased, so no more needed as this time, so in a way, the Smartboard could be viewed as related to computer contribution commitment
- Above motion was put forward by JK, seconded by UY, and passed.

8. Fundraising Committee Activities

- JB suggested that recent movie night raised about \$230 including minimal expenses. Proposing a second movie night around April 24.
- Possible upcoming fundraising idea of "Mabel's Labels" which can earn us about 10-15% on amounts sold
- Suggestion of, on a trial basis for May/June, selling subs on opposite weeks as pizza.
 - DG cautioned against nut free concern if any cookies were to also come with the subs.
 - Various discussions on types of subs (brown, white) but appears will be three main choices of veggie, turkey, assorted.

- Subs to be offered in two sizes for ranging \$5-\$7 (or less if no cookie), and generate profit of about \$1.50 to \$1.75- which is roughly comparable with pizza profitability.
- No School Council member voiced any concern with idea of selling subs on trial basis
- Spring Social
 - JB commented that it is wish of fundraising committee that profit from Spring Social fundraising be devoted to Playground
 - Some discussion about methods of sending appropriate number of tickets to families with more than one child in school, and obtaining any unsold tickets back
 - Suggestion of having cake walk- and DG mentioned that he would approach teachers
 - When asked for estimated profit from Spring Social, JB advised in range of \$2500-\$3000
 - JB suggests that proceeds from bake sale and BBQ should cover most of expenses of Spring Social

9. Motion to approve \$600 for up-front organization expenses for Spring Social

- JB requested \$600 to be used for any-up front organizational expenses relating to Spring Social.
- Above motion was put forward by UY, seconded by JK, and passed.

10. Playground Committee Discussions

- CW asked general question to School Council are people “still committed” to developing playground as mentioned in past...as he has heard informally this commitment may be wavering.
- CW mentioned while all things are possible, the current economic environment, makes reaching the overall expected Playground cost of \$100,000 challenging.
- One view was put forward that the Playground being developed will not likely benefit many of the children whose parents are actually providing the money. (*i.e. the same reason for having “use it or loose it” cut off for the \$300 teacher requests in Feb of this year*)
- Another view offered by MO, was that families of the current children did not pay for the current playground but are using it, and so the same reasoning should be used for future generations.
- LM suggested that she thinks improved Playground facilities remain a good idea, but the \$100,000 “Cadillac” version may not be the only option, and we should consider other perhaps more “Chevy” type options, which can be done in a shorter timeframe at a lower cost.
- CW mentioned there was some difficulty (due to technology) in getting members of the Playground committee together, and it was suggested that some of the names on the Playground committee have not show-up, and so there appears to be a need to cull through these names to find out who is actually still committed.
- The Playground Committee was to meet briefly immediately after this School Council meeting to discuss various matters.

11. Other Committees

- No significant issues/developments mentioned regarding environment, health & safety, staff appreciation, governance, education, and communication.
- It was suggested again that the social committee become part of the Fundraising committee.

12. Fresh Fruit Snack Pack

- JN put forward a written summary and suggested, as way of providing some healthier choices, that fresh fruit (cut into pieces) be offered Monday-Thursday at cost of \$1 and delivered to classrooms before morning recess
- After some discussion, it would agreed that fresh fruit salad (purchased from say Loblaws), and then placed into individual serving sizes may be a viable option
- JN suggested she would provide any efforts needed in this activity
- DG mentioned he would check into health issues & regulations and get back to Council.

13. Colours of Roy Crosby

- Relating to Crosby Clothing, JK asked what are the official school colours.
- It was suggested that is was grey and green, and DG advised he would check

14. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:45pm

- Motion put forward by JB, seconded by JK, and passed.