

## Minutes Roy H Crosby School Council Meeting April 10, 2007

**Members Present:** Deborah Bullock, Lisa Dunning, Carol Heck, Joanne Klue, Sara Larson, Flora MacDonald, Tricia Middleton, Judy Ng, Lynn Nowicki, Vicky To, Corey Trute, Megan Heaphy-Orr, Gail Tsang, Basil Wong

**Absent:** LEEANNE ARBOUR, MONA FENG, ANGELA GOODWIN, DEBRA LARKIN, DEAN LEE, BIANCA MASON, LAURA OKOPNY, BETH SHERIDAN, PETRA SIMMONS, ULYA YIGIT

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. Minutes from March 6, 2007, approved by Sara, seconded by Joanne.

**Principal's Report:** Staffing is normally finalized in May, but Corey presented the tentative list for Sept '07:

JK/SK	Chevrefils/Millar	0.5
Grade One	Dogra	0.5
Grade One/Two	Mayor	1.0
Grade Two	Holender	1.0
Grade Three	Wright	1.0
Grade Four	Schmidt	1.0
Grade Five	MacLean	1.0
Grade Six	Holmeshaw	1.0
Grade 4 Gifted	Morrow	1.0
Grade 4 Gifted	Mayhew	1.0
Grade 5 Gifted	Stover	1.0
Grade 5 Gifted	Wong	1.0
Grade 6 Gifted	Suleiman	1.0
Grade 6 Gifted	Gazen	1.0
ESL/Library/Prep	Hunt-Wells	0.67
Special Ed/Reading Recovery	Purcell	1.0
Literary Lead/Prep	Briggs	0.6
French	Croteau	1.0
Music	Colley	0.67

Leads - Wright (Primary), Stover (Junior), Suleiman (Tech)

**Staffing Allocation**

Regular JK-3	5.0
Regular 4-6	3.0
Regular prep. (190 minutes)	1.16
Community Special Education	6.0
(includes Gifted Classes: 2xG4, 2xG5, 2xG6)	
" Spec. Ed. Preparation	0.87
SERT staffing	0.75
Literacy Staffing	0.25
Reading Recovery	0.25 (less 0.25 training)
ESL (changing to ELL)	0.20 (English Language Learning)
Library/Guidance	0.35

Total 17.83

(Total is up 0.69 from this year's current total of 17.14, due to the increased reduction in class size  $\geq 20$  students cap)

Proposed Kindergarten fenced-in area has been moved and enlarged to an area 12.5X 23.5m to be situated just east of the gate to Milne Conservation area with the south boundary being the existing fence. No final decisions have been made as yet. Some discussion followed with regards to including the grassy area immediately west of the Milne gate with the initial proposal instead. This area is allocated to the Milne Outdoor Education programme, but is not used by them before and after school hours or on the lunch break.

Corey is also currently investigating a key-card security system for the boys' washroom. One drawback to this type of security system is that cards often go missing and are expensive to replace at a cost of \$400/10 cards.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vicky reported a bank balance of \$16,710.53 for this month. We currently have a budget surplus of approx. \$1,200 for performances. Bianca will be arranging the performance bookings for next year, to optimize our selection.

Since the funds allocated for the Playground Commitment now exceed the GIC amount, those funds will now be listed as part of the Playground Commitment.

Our expenditures for this year so far, at \$16,719.29, slightly exceed income generated, currently at \$15,805.46. However, this shortcoming will resolve itself with the outstanding income that will be generated with the remaining pizza

lunches. Additionally, we anticipate further income from the Crosby Blooms fundraiser. Vicky also introduced a Bank Reconciliation Report.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented, put forth by Gail, seconded by Lisa.

**Sub-committee reports:**

a) **Fundraising** - Lisa reported that the flower order forms for the Crosby Blooms fundraiser are still trickling in. She has therefore extended the deadline to this Friday. So far, there are 2 bake sale volunteers. Announcements regarding the cake challenge have been delivered to the classes. Each class will be submitting a cake to be supplied by their teacher.

b) **PRO Grant spending** - Andrea Beck and Eric Walters are booked for the Family Literacy nights. Final attendance numbers are not in yet, but currently, there are 55 children and their parent(s) who will be attending the Eric Walters presentation. Corey spoke to the Grade Threes, to reassure them the focus was on story writing and the content would not be too young for them, stressing that PJ's are optional.

Some leftover PRO grant funds are yet to be allocated (≈\$700). One idea discussed by the PRO Grant Committee is a tile art project that will become a permanent feature in the School. Carol Croteau picked up some tile samples and estimates a cost of \$416 for the tiles. Additional funds will be needed for the glazing supplies/process and refreshments.

If the events are successful, Council agreed it would be worth considering continuation of a similar family literacy programme next year.

c) **Environment** - Trish reported that the recycling programme is doing well and plans are underway for Earth Day.

d) **Health and Safety** - Judy informed Council of the need for lower hooks and perhaps a shelf in the girls' bathroom. This might also be considered for the boys' bathroom.

e) **Playground** - no news to report

- f) **Staff Appreciation** - Lisa touched on the Staff Appreciation dinner usually held in June (2<sup>nd</sup> last week, last year) with the notice going home at the end of May to request volunteers and food preparation. She will coordinate with Corey to select the date for this year. She also cited the need for funds to purchase freezies for Play Day this year (last year the cost was \$18). Council approved. Some discussion followed regarding the Grade Six celebration planning, which will take place this year on June 21 at Pierre Elliot Trudeau S.S. **Action:** Flora or Deb will contact Pippa for details from last year's G6 celebration. Staff will be working with Council member/s (yet to be determined) in planning this event.
- g) **Communication** - Flora has added a new page to the Council website for Crosby Blooms.

#### **Discussion/Decisions:**

Tentative date for PRO Grant tile art project is June 12 after school from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Any additional funds left from the Family Literacy Nights will be applied to tile glazing costs and providing refreshments for the tile art project.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

April 19 - Gifted Info Night

April 27 - Jump Rope for Heart (kick-off happens this Friday)

May 3 - Talent Show (auditions are next week during the day)

May 8 - School Council Forum (contact Flora or Corey, if you are interested in attending)

May 10 - Kindergarten Information Night (Sara will be inviting new K families to Crosby Blooms BBQ)

May 16 - Performing Arts Show (all grades, choir, drama club)

May 29 - Gifted students' information night at William Berczy P.S.

June 4,5,6 - EQAO Testing

June 8, 15 - Gifted students visits to Berczy (visits to Robinson P.S. TBA)

**Next Meeting:** Proposal to move next Council meeting to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.