

MINUTES

*Roy H Crosby School Council Draft of Minutes
May 1, 2007*

The meeting was called to order by Flora MacDonald at 7:25 p.m.

In attendance Lisa Dunning, Joanne Klue, Sara Larson, Dean Lee, Flora MacDonald, Beth Sheridan, Vicky To, Corey Trute, Basil Wong, Megan Heaphy-Orr, Bianca Mason, Gail Tsang, Lynn Nowicki, Tricia Middleton, Mary Robertson, Ulya Yigit, Judy Ng

Absent Leeanne Arbour, Deborah Bullock, Angela Goodwin, Mona Feng, Debra Larkin, Laura Okopny, Petra Simmons

Chair – Flora welcomed everyone to the meeting. Beth motioned to approve April's minutes and Joanne seconded. Motion approved.

- Flora also passed on council's condolences to Ulya whose father passed away and to Beth whose mother passed away. A donation has been made on council's behalf to the Markham-Stouffville hospital in their honour.
- MDHS is doing a rebuild and there is a presentation that can be viewed on the Board's website for those that are interested.
- Thanks to Lynn for doing the minutes in Beth's absence in April.
- She also mentioned that the board is looking for input on policies that they are revisiting. She will forward the email to council. Please bring any comments to the next meeting.
- Flora will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Principal's Report

- Corey announced that he has been transferred to Parkview PS in Unionville. Six new schools are opening up in York Region next year so there will be a lot of moves to fill up those spots. He has enjoyed working at Crosby and thanked Council for their support. David Geene will be his replacement. He has a lot of experience as a music teacher and VP. He is currently working as a curriculum advisor at the Ministry of Education right now. Corey will invite him to the June meeting.
- Tuesday May 8 is the School Council Forum at Middlefield CI. Topics include Police/School Partnerships, Recess Revival, Cyber Bullying (which Corey will be presenting) and Crime Prevention through environmental design. Joanne and Vicky will be attending. Everyone is welcome. (7-9pm)
- Talent Show will be Thursday May 3 at 1:30. The staff will be performing a Grease skit.
- May 16th is the Performing Arts Evening. Due to space limitations only parents whose children are performing will be invited.
- Volunteer Tea is May 24th from 3:30-4:30
- A player on one of Corey's opposing hockey team broke his neck while playing hockey. He is 38 years old with 2 young children. It will cost \$100k to retrofit his house. Corey will be selling raffle tickets (20\$) until June 2nd. First prize is a trip to Las Vegas. See him if you are interested.
- Gifted orientation was on May 1 and May 2.

Flora thanked Corey for being our principal.

Treasurer's Report – Our position hasn't changed much. The computers came in so they have moved from a commitment to an actual expense. \$1500 allotted for performances has not been spent so it will be saved for next year. Lisa made a motion to accept the statements as provided and Gail seconded.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising – Fundraising will be meeting following this meeting. The order for the flowers has been submitted. Due to the weather some items may not be available.

- PRO - Both author nights were very successful. Around 100 people attended both evenings and the survey responses were positive. Thanks to Rob for setting up the Andrea Beck night! The tile night is scheduled for June 12th. The students will start the tiles in the classroom and then finish up in the evening with their parents. There will be an environmental theme.
- Staff Appreciation – The Staff Appreciation lunch will be June 19th. Lisa will send something home to the parents asking for contributions.

Kindergarten Fence – the proposal needs to go to the Board for approval.

Back Door Card System – has been installed. Each portable has 2 key cards on lanyards. The students have been instructed how to use them. There are also two key cards by the walkie-talkies in the office. If school based teachers are taking their students outside they need to take a walkie-talkie and a keycard. A backdoor camera has also been installed.

QSP Contract – QSP would like us to sign a contract to continue our 2 year commitment to using them for our school fundraiser. By signing this contract QSP will give us 5% of our 2006 sales in cash in September. Corey and Flora signed the contract. Council will try to minimize the commercial motivation in return for more character building or team spirit motivation. Fundraising will work with QSP to work out details on rewards, etc.

Email Concerns – Sara brought up email guidelines that were put in place by council in 2003 that stated that all communications between full council be done by blind carbon copy (BCC). Council will make a decision regarding this in September for the coming year. Going forward this year bcc will continue to be used until next year's council makes a decision regarding use of emails and privacy.

Parents don't need to pay when volunteering on field trips.

Cake Challenge – some students are bringing in decorations for the cake challenge, which will eliminate anonymity in the voting. Corey will remind the teachers about the importance of anonymity.

Jump Rope for heart prizes can be donated back. Corey will find out how to do that.

Kindergarten Celebration – information will be coming home soon.

Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting – June 12, 2007 7:15 School Library