

MINUTES

*Roy H Crosby School Council Draft of Minutes
June 12, 2007*

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Dunning at 7:20 p.m.

In attendance Lisa Dunning, Deborah Bullock, Joanne Klue, Sara Larson, Dean Lee, Beth Sheridan, Vicky To, Corey Trute, Basil Wong, Megan Heaphy-Orr, Bianca Mason, Gail Tsang, Ulya Yigit, Debra Larkin, Arman Stover, Feras Suleiman, David Geene

Absent Leeanne Arbour, Angela Goodwin, Mona Feng, Laura Okopny, Petra Simmons, Flora MacDonald, Lynn Nowicki, Tricia Middleton, Mary Robertson, Judy Ng

Chair's Report Lisa welcomed everyone to the meeting in Flora's absence. Sara motioned to approve the May minutes and Joanne seconded. Lisa welcomed Mr. Geene to the meeting. Mr. Geene reported that he is planning a smooth transition into the school and is already planning meetings with the staff. He feels that Corey has given him a good idea of the direction of the school. In the past he has taught both elementary and high school classes. His most recent job was working on reviewing arts curriculum for the Ministry of Education. His background is music.

Principal's Report

Corey reported a few staffing changes.

- Mr. Suleiman will be leaving to go teach 7/8 at Parkview PS.
- Monica Dogra will not be teaching Grade 1, but has accepted a position at Rogers PS
- Randy Mayor will teach Grade 1
- Kristina Schmidt will teach Grade 1-2
- Beckah Maybury will teach Grade 6
- Mr. Holmeshaw will teach Grade 6 gifted

Mr. Suleiman made a brief speech about how this was a very difficult decision to leave as Crosby was his first job, but he needs to make this move so that he can one day fulfill his goal of becoming an administrator. Corey said that Mr. Suleiman and Mrs. Dogra's leaving allowed him to offer full time positions to Mrs. Schmidt and Ms Maybury who had been LTOs.

Kindergarten for September is full and there is a waiting list of 7. Those students will be bused to James Robinson PS.

Grade 1-2 Split – For Science and Social Studies all of the Grade 1's will be together. In the split class there will be 6 Grade 1 students.

Tile Project – The remainder of the PRO Grant money will be used to help finance the tile project. Parents are invited to the school on June 19th between 4:30-7:00 to help their children complete the tiles. Corey is looking for volunteers to bake the tiles.

Corey announced that he, Mr. Stover, Mrs. Mayhue and Ms Holendar had been at the Literacy Fair doing presentations, and they went well.

Grade 6 Graduation – June 21 at Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

Regional Track and Field Meet – Tomorrow.

Playground – the Board's safety inspection team has noted a few things that need to be fixed on the playground. The pea gravel needs to be roto-tilled to make it less compact and a bolt on the top of the swing needs to be cut off. The cost of these repairs will be split 50/50 between the school and the board.

Treasurer's Report – Made \$21k final numbers. Recommended committing \$11k for next year's budget. Beth motioned and Joanne seconded. Bianca will book the performances. Sara motioned to accept the statements as presented and Joanne seconded. Approved \$400 budget for the Grade 6 grad to cover paper plates, cake, and punch bowls (Gail motioned, Vicky seconded.)

Committee Reports

- Fundraising – \$3378.89 was raised at the Crosby Blooms. Lisa thanked the teachers for doing such an awesome job on the cake challenge and thanks to everyone on the committee for all their hard work
- Playground – Megan formally resigned as chair. Sara wanted it noted that Carly Webber's father has a lot of contacts that might be helpful for the next playground committee chair. We should also look into getting a corporate sponsor. Debra mentioned a school that sold pickets on a fence to raise money and the parents could get their child's name put on the picket.
- Health & Safety- most issues were too big for the committee to handle on their own.
- Communication – Ulya has agreed to stay on for next year.

It was discussed how to get more council members. Perhaps have a social event or a table in the lobby on Parent/Teacher's night. Have a council member be in each classroom and do a "plug" after the teacher's talk. Berczy sends out a package at the beginning of each year.

Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting – September 10 2007 7:15 pm