



GREENSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Environment Committee
November 16, 2006
3:30 pm

In Attendance

Teacher Rep:

Richard Chiniborch

Nancy Johnson

Brenda Reeves

Parent Reps:

Jennifer Andreychuk

Jennifer Kleven

Sue Van Egdome

Administrative Announcements:

- Bob Carle has stepped down from this committee

Head Lice Initiative

- Cost of head lice screening is an issue and will go to Budget Committee and to John to see where the funding will come from
- Nancy believes that Milgrove has a Public Health Nurse involved at their school and also knows of a company called "Lice Squad". They do head checks at a charge of \$2 per child.
- Brenda will look into funding and check on consent of parents for the head checks
- Other funding possibilities are fundraising or approaching Home and School to support or subsidize this cause
- Nancy will contact Diane Lau at the Public Health Department to see if there is a program for schools
- Jennifer A. recommends that we continue to communicate to the parents that it is important for them to continue checking their children's heads
- Nancy has done some reading and suggests we do head checks in Sept., Jan., March
- Jennifer K. concerned that students aren't completely informed when a case breaks out. Suggests broad notification
- Information labels could be placed in every students agenda when any and every case of head lice is found in the school in order to cover all students
- Nancy indicates that the Agenda pages need to include Head lice info for the next years agendas

We need to continue discussing this issue via e-mail in order to complete policy by end of December

Stranger Danger 911

- Jennifer K. has brought this request forward from the School Council
- This is an evening event, which would be set up by the Police Services Board (Waterdown) for Parents and Children. They would cover stranger and emergency preparedness, fingerprinting and other info. School Council is requesting support on this.



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- Jennifer A. suggest holding such an event during winter months when not much else is going on
- Richard is concerned that some children would miss out on the event if held at night therefore suggests that fingerprinting for school age students could happen during school hours. This would also free up the police services to do sibilings during the evening presentation.
- Brenda suggest combining Fire Safety / Police Services and having a Community services evening. This would probably work best in the early spring and possibly run part during the day for the children and for families in the evening
- Jennifer K. to take this info back to School Council as our recommendation

Communication Survey

- Jennifer K. has brought forward from School Council the Parental Involvement Survey for us to look over and suggest changes
- Remove Talent Show and Christmas Concert
- Change #18 to “is it being used?” and have bullets listing items they do use to indicate what part of the Website they are using
- Change # 15 &16 to Home and School, School Council
- Richard stresses the importance of anonymity when completing this survey. He indicates that this is not the forum to discuss issues with specific teachers. There are other avenues, which should be used to do this.
- It is suggested that parents are given specific directions to take when issues arise. It should be printed in bold that any papers with names on them will be destroyed and not used in the survey.
- It is also recommended that the Additional Comments section be removed
- It is believed that this survey will be distributed to families early in the new year
- Jennifer K. welcomes other suggestions and recommendations through e-mail

AOB

- A brochure s being put together to distribute to new families and to possibly place in the agendas art the beginning of the school year.
- It would include: Broad welcome, school council, message from Chris Spence, School History, Welcome from Principal, Home & School, Code of Behavior (Dress code, school start time etc) Community activities
- Jennifer K will send out a copy via e-mail for us to view
- Brenda indicates that Bob C. would like to have the policies for indoor and outdoor recess, washroom permission etc. so that all teachers and parents are on the same page. This is also a helpful tool for supply teachers coming in. It gives the children a sense of consistency amongst the teachers.
- This should be taken back to the teachers to see what they feel is appropriate and where the issues are
- Nancy Brenda and Richard will discuss at the next staff meeting

Emergency Response Plan

- We will review the existing plan and revise as needed



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- Jennifer A. to contact Grant Gafnee regarding this as he is an Emergency Response trainer by profession and Nancy to speak with a friend in the Police force who is also a Emergency Response trainer

Next Meeting: January 15, 2007 3:15 in School Library