

# Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

**February 9, 2010**

**In Attendance:** Tracey Hunter (Chair), Sue Sardo, Kate Fanning, Bronwen Paterson, Cami Boyko, Diane Jildera, Tammy Lombardo, Melanie Walter, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary)

## **Minutes:**

- Approved by Tammy Lombardo, Seconded by Tracey Hunter

## **ACTION:**

1. School Newsletter to include next School Council meeting on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

## **Teacher Presentation: Sue Sardo**

- Ms. Sardo described the After School Scholars program for Grade 3 students. It takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays for 90 minutes after school and will continue for 10 weeks. There are currently 10 students participating, who have been selected by Ms. Sardo and Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa. This program provides additional reinforcement and support in specific areas, which may include reading comprehension, editing, and writing. The program is tailored to each student's specific needs. The goal of this program is to develop a love of reading.
- Ms. Sardo indicated that the initial sessions of the program were enjoyed by the students. She would like the School Council to provide funds for healthy snacks, such as vegetables and fruit, cheese and crackers and juice.

## **ACTION:**

1. Council voted unanimously to provide funding for healthy snacks for this program.

### **Teacher/Staff Presentation: Kate Fanning**

- **Dance-a-thon:** Mrs. Fanning indicated that this fundraising event will be on Friday March 26, 2010 in the afternoon. The first hour will be the Primary students, followed by the Juniors for the second hour. She would like to set up a committee to help with set up, prizes and general running of the event. She indicated that she would provide her water bottle dispenser to allow the students to bring their own water bottles for the event. This would help to minimize the waste and help student identify their own drink. Discussion of a possible tie-in with a charity occurred. Support for Haiti through the Red Cross and McMaster Children's Hospital was suggested. Information should be provided to the Yorkview families that this will be our major fundraiser of the year and that the money will go towards a SMARTBOARD. It was suggested that information regarding the abilities and uses of a SMARTBOARD should be included.
- **Lunch Connection:** Staff feedback indicated that the students were 'generally happy' with their lunches. She noted that the chicken fingers and the yogurt were a big hit. The staff had mentioned a concern regarding the cookie and French toast and would like to see more nutritious foods, but was happy to see the whole wheat selections. She indicated that there was little work for the staff to do in distribution. It was suggested that this program be repeated next month.
- **Tim Horton's Camp Trip:** Mr. Puppa provided Mrs. Fanning with a note indicating that the Camp for the grade 4 and 5 student's trip will be happening again this year. The monthly payment option is not being offered. We will ask for a lump sum payment in May. Likely the cost will be similar to last years' (\$180). There will be a parent information night at 7:00 p.m. on February 23 at the school.

### **ACTION:**

1. Dance-a-thon Committee meeting: Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the school.
2. Provide information on SMARTBOARDS in the next newsletter and on the school website.
3. Investigate possible Lunch Connection dates for March.
4. Tim Horton's Camp Trip Information night: February 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

### **Staff Presentation: Bronwen Paterson**

Mrs. Paterson provided a list of upcoming events at the school, which included;

- Basketball- Monday and Wednesday after school
- Highland Dancing- Tuesday and Thursday at lunch
- Forest of Reading- Wednesday at lunch
- After School Scholars Program- Monday and Wednesday after school
- Mad Science- Wednesday at lunch
- Olympics- Monday and Wednesday at lunch
- Speed Stacks- to start middle of February
- Reading Club- Thursday
- Grade 4 and 5 Speeches- February 17 at 12:15 p.m.
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### **Treasurer's Report: Cami Boyko**

- Mrs. Boyko indicated that she was in the process of correcting a QSP duplication.
- She noted that 20 families have now registered for the e-newsletter. The e-mail list may be used for emergency closures/contacts.

ACTION:

1. Encourage families to sign up for the e-newsletter before April 1, 2010. Families will need to hand in a paper request to get a hard copy of the news letter sent home. All families who participate will be entered in a draw for a prize (family movie passes). This information will go in the March newsletter, with the little blue puff-ball attached with website address.

### **Fundraising Report: Tammy Lombardo**

- Ms. Lombardo indicated that all new fundraising activities will be related to literacy and/or math.
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### **Chair Report: Tracey Hunter**

- Ms. Hunter indicated that Jen Lawrence would be able to help with the tree-planting/ gardening at the school in August.
- She noted that Teacher Appreciation Week was next week.

ACTION:

1. Finalize preparations for Teacher Appreciation Week

**Next Meeting: date, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the school**