

# Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

**November 24, 2009**

**In attendance:** Tracey Hunter (Chair), Cami Boyko, LorrieAnn Wannamaker (Principal), Kim Dichazi, Tammy Lombardo, Cathy Maga (Secretary)

**Regrets:** ????

## **Minutes:**

- September 29, 2009: with changes to include Mr. Gallagher's comments regarding window replacement taking 5 years (even though deemed a safety issue). Approved by Tammy Lombardo, Seconded by Cami Boyko.
- October 20, 2009: No changes. Approved by Cami Boyko, Seconded by Tammy Lombardo

## **ACTION:**

1. Revised September minutes to be forwarded to Mr. Gallagher.
2. Summary of key points to be added to upcoming newsletter, (i.e. ongoing Mabel's Labels campaign and link to school website).
3. School Newsletter to indicate next School Council meeting January 12, 2010 6:30 p.m. at the school.

## **Teacher Presentation: Kim Dichazi**

- Book Fair ran smoothly with great results. Thank-you for the resulting Scholastic contributions to the Library. Some books have been already purchased, for example an up-to-date solar system book and a provincial set of Canada books, which includes Nunavut. The remaining book credits will be ordered in January. She also noted that a follow-up Book Fair had been tentatively scheduled for Fall 2010. Thank you to Diane Jilderda for her hard work on her final Book Fair.
- Book donations to the Library are ALWAYS welcome and Ms. Dichazi noted that the Yorkview community has been wonderfully supportive.

## **ACTION:**

1. Recruit parent by end of the school year to help organize Fall 2010 Book Fair.

## **Chair Report: Tracey Hunter**

- A discussion took place regarding communication to our families via email. The goal is to increase electronic messaging and decrease paper utilization. Tammy Lombardo indicated that she knew someone at another school who was sent an email when there was a school closure. Cami Boyko spoke with Jerrod Bennett at Dundas Central School regarding auto-subscribe messages regarding website links and the monthly newsletters. Confidentiality concerns were also discussed. Ms. Wannamaker would approve all outgoing communication, noting that there needs to be a respect for Board protocol, but wanting to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Ms. Hunter wondered how to get increased parent involvement on the School Council. Any suggestions would be appreciated. She was concerned that limited manpower may affect fundraising totals and decrease the “financial cushion” for next year’s budget. She noted that the previous years Teacher-run Spaghetti Dinner was enjoyed by all who attended, but was difficult to organize due to the scale of the event and the Raffle/Auction. A Valentine’s Dance-A-thon was suggested for a fundraising event between the Teachers and the School Council. It was noted that it would be easier to recruit assistance when an event is identified, along with a specific fundraising goal (i.e. Smart Board). A suggestion was made to personalize the recruitment, with face-to-face contact and flyer handouts.

## **ACTION:**

1. Ms. Dichazi and Ms. Wannamaker to further investigate email procedures at Dundas Central. Cami Boyko to investigate auto-subscribe procedure for January.
2. Survey to Yorkview families in Fall 2010 to indicate email option for emergency contact. (email vs. phone)
3. Attach link to Yorkview School website to contact School Council Chair at [Yorkview.sc@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:Yorkview.sc@hwdsb.on.ca) regarding school council issues only.
4. Ms. Dichazi is to speak to the Teachers regarding their support for the Council and any event ideas they may have. Also to develop a ‘Wish List’ for fundraising targets.
5. Continue to encourage Yorkview families to support Student Council by attending meetings and getting involved.

### **Principal Report: LorrieAnn Wannamaker**

- She noted a change in term SSF to Teacher Learning Critical Pathway (TLCP) which identifies the process of giving the children a diagnostic assessment, training for approximately 6 weeks culminating in a final assessment/task. The school is currently starting the second cycle, with individual teams (K-1, Jr. and Sr.) focusing on the needs of each group.
- Hamilton Police have revised the ‘Lockdown’ terms and have refined procedures. A ‘Lockdown’ procedure will be posted and practiced by the students.
- Hamilton Wentworth District School Board website includes 3 Draft Policies, which include Nutrition, Trustee Expenses and Lockdown Procedures. Parents are encouraged to review these Drafts and comment through the website. With regards to the revised nutrition guidelines, she noted that the Yorkview Teachers are developing individual reward systems other than candy.

### **ACTION**

1. Next Yorkview newsletter to indicate link to HWDSB website for review of 3 new draft policies.

### **Treasurer’s Report: Cami Boyko**

- Budget was provided and reviewed.

### **Teacher Report: Kim Dichazi**

- She noted that the Winter Clothing Drive was running this week and that the school was accepting new or gently used coats, hats, mittens and boots for local families in need. Students who make donations are encouraged to participate in ‘Backward Day’ on Friday November 27. The Grade 3s are tracking the class with the most spirit.
- Next week, the Salvation Army Food and Toy Drive will take place to help families in our immediate community. Any remaining items will be forwarded to the Salvation Army.
- She discussed Yorkview participation in a Grade 5 Volleyball Tournament to be possibly held at another school in December. It was also noted that Basketball Intramurals and The Forest of Reading will start in January 2010.

## **ACTION**

1. Confirm Volleyball Tournament and identify interested Students to attend.

## **Fundraising Report: Tammy Lombardo**

- No Fundraising activities planned in the immediate future.

## **ACTION**

1. Ms. Hunter and Ms. Lombardo to meet to discuss fundraising ideas.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday January 12, 2010 6:30 p.m.**

(no meeting scheduled for December)