

**Yorkview School Council
Meeting Minutes
Date: October 20, 2009**

In attendance: Tracey Hunter, Tammy Lombardo, Cami Boyko, Kate Fanning (Teacher Representative), Dave Gallagher (Principal), Jennifer Lawrence, Melanie Walter, Kirsten Blain, Diane Jilderda

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Required
Hot Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy provided an overview of the hot lunch program. She and Tracey met with Steve Robinson of the Lunch Connection. The details are as follows: 50 schools participate; 90% do it 1/week; they provide the menu; can be distributed through the agenda and also available on-line; teachers do not need to count the money; company trains those who distribute the lunches; on-line orders come with an email confirmation & 10% discount; can identify allergies on-line; peanut & tree nut free; 2 sizes of meals; need 2-3 weeks lead time to get started; minimum 30 orders required and 5% of total sales goes back to the school; Thursday's would work best from the company's point of view given existing deliveries in the area; prepared fresh that morning; lunches arrive hot but not too hot to eat; meet & exceed trans fat requirements; provides cutlery (spork); everything is recyclable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy will send sample menu with questions such: who is interested; how often?
School Council Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion took place with respect to how to keep people informed of School Council meetings/activities as well as how to attract more people to the meetings • It was discussed that we should send a ½ sheet home that provides information with respect to what School Council does, encourage people to attend and request their email address to be kept up-to-date on upcoming meetings/agendas/minutes, etc. • If you send in the slip with an email address you will be entered into a prize draw to win a basket made up of QSP prize samples that Tammy has received. • Cami's husband is looking into subscription email so that parents can choose to subscribe to email updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was not clear who was going to follow up with the preparation of the information sheet to be sent home • Cami will follow up with email subscription possibilities
Book Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane noted that she did not have a lot of volunteers this year. This will be her last year running the book fair and she noted that there is a need to book next year's fair immediately after the end of this one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane will follow up with librarian
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey outlined the changes that she had made to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey will follow

	budget/expenses format. She is working with Mrs. Cochlin to sort out some discrepancies with the numbers.	up with Mrs. Cochlin and report back on the outcome
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracey reminded everyone that the Teacher Nominations forms are available and that Council could nominate a teacher or teachers as a group. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2010. Pizza Research – Tracey went over the various pizza costs. Pizza Pizza has a higher profit/slice but noted that Yorkview had left Pizza Pizza a couple of years ago because of quality issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracey will follow up on slice sizes in an effort to maximize profits while ensuring quality
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 30 will be Dave Gallagher's last day. Miss Wannamaker will be returning Nov. 1. Staff room and book room will be combined Patrollers are starting – Miss Millington is in charge Food Drive was successful BE class was dissolved Miss Bowmen is moving to a new school 	
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaghetti dinner – the teachers were polled and they don't think they should do the spaghetti dinner this year. Felt it had run its course, change would be good. The teachers are still committed to being involved in a community based event. Cami suggested combining a dance-a-thon with families and do it in the evening – maybe a Valentine's Day dance. Discussion took place with respect to still having each class prepare a basket that could be used as door prizes. Charge admission, have sponsor sheets. See if we can get donations for door prizes. Have small appetizers and refreshments. Mr. Gallagher cautioned the group that they should make sure that there is interest in the community for such an event. Suggested that perhaps a literacy-a-thon or book-a-thon would be an idea. The children would get sponsors and read books for an afternoon at school. Cami reminded everyone that now is the time to approach organizations for donations. A separate fundraising meeting was scheduled at Melanie's house. Mr. Gallagher reminded the group that Miss Wannamaker should be involved. The teacher attending next month's meeting will have a wish list from the teachers in order to enable Council to direct their fundraising efforts and to inform the school community of their fundraising goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the fundraising meeting the group will report back at the November Council meeting with suggestions. Teachers will provide a wish list for fundraising efforts.
Winter Clothes Closet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer mentioned that she had learned that Central School has a winter clothes closet and suggested that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Central School to

	<p>this might be a nice idea for Yorkview in order to ensure that all families have warm clothing for winter. Families would donate gently used winter clothes and those families in need could make use of them. Jennifer noted that she realized the clothes would need to be stored somewhere in the school and that someone would have to take ownership of the program. She suggested that in order to limit the amount of space perhaps the items could be limited to winter coats, hats, scarves, mitts. Melanie recommended putting a positive message on this initiative such as a clothes swap that is environmentally friendly. Mr. Gallagher recommended that prior to moving forward with this initiative Council should contact Central School to determine how the program works.</p>	<p>find out how it works. Contact Home and School.</p>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council voted to provide a small token of our appreciation to Mr. Boyko for his work on the website through a \$100 disbursement. • Jennifer questioned whether the field trip permission forms could be put on the website in a format that would allow parents to type in the information rather than having to write them out each time. Tracey recommended filling the form in once and then photocopying it and changing the field trip information at the top. Mr. Gallagher reminded everyone that you need to make sure none of the emergency contact information has changed if you use this method. Mr. Gallagher also advised that he believes the blank sheets are available on the Board's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque requisition will need to be filled out.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17 OR 24, 2009 AT 6:30 (Date to be decided based on availability of John Lavery, Superintendent)