

**Yorkview School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: September 29, 2009**

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Gallagher introduced himself and explained that, as of the end of this week, he will no longer be Acting Principal. He was not sure who would be replacing him for the next three weeks prior to Miss Wannamaker's return</li> <li>• School Council is reminded that the Board encourages fundraising for literacy and numeracy. He noted that School Council funded things such as plays last year which could be considered part of literacy. He also noted that School Council also subsidized the buses for school trips and, although not directly related to numeracy and literacy it is certainly helpful to the school.</li> <li>• The school budget for this year is \$25,000 for the entire year. This money must cover all costs including photocopying, supplies, etc. The school has had to set aside a certain amount of money for computer requirements.</li> <li>• Books are needed for Grades 1, 4 and 5. The Board paid for books for the other grades. The library books were recently "weeded" to remove out of date books or books with inappropriate content and there is a need for new fiction books in particular. There was an inquiry by Council as to whether the librarian would accept donations from parents. Mr. Gallagher recommended contacting the librarian directly.</li> <li>• EQAO scores for Yorkview for last year – 72 (reading), 72 (writing), 86 (math)</li> <li>• Yorkview has a new math facilitator</li> <li>• Terry Fox event raised \$860, double the previous year's amount</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Lombardo will follow up with librarian re: book donations</li> </ul>
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Fox event was very successful. The students ran around the school and yard to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. The class that raised the greatest amount was Ms Sardo's Grade 4/5. They will be treated with a special lunch time event with Ms Caldwell-Puppa (dodgeball or movie) in the near future.</li> <li>• Spirit Day was also held the same day as the Terry Fox</li> </ul>	

	<p>Run. The grade 3 class will continue to organize spirit days each month this year, and track the data of how much school spirit each class shows. The graphs for this month's spirit day are posted outside the Principal's office. The following classes had 100% participation – Mrs. Bouwant, Mr. Puppa, Ms Sardo and Miss Millington – Congratulations!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Yorkview Cross-Country Running Team has been practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays after school and Tuesdays and Thursdays at recess. Approximately 70 students in Grades 1-5 are participating. The County meet is Sept. 30 at Christie Conservation Area. There will also be a meet at Highland School in mid-October and a Yorkview meet in late October. Mr. Puppa and Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa expressed their thanks to School Council for funding the ribbons and medals for the "Yorkview Only" meet.</li> <li>• Rather than appointing one teacher representative to school council the teachers have decided that a different staff member will attend each meeting.</li> </ul>	
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President – Tracey Hunter</li> <li>• Fundraising – Tammy Lombardo</li> <li>• Treasurer – Cami Boyko</li> <li>• Secretary – Jennifer Lawrence</li> </ul>	
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Lombardo described status of on-going QSP magazine fundraising event. Mentioned that Council, at the June 2009 meeting, had discussed having someone come in to discuss the hot lunch program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Lombardo will contact hot lunch representative and ask him to attend the October council meeting</li> </ul>
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Gallagher inquired as to whether there were any requests from Council for specific future agenda items. Items discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year's budget – need to establish a wish list so that Council has something to aim for. Need to understand the cost of the items on the wish list in order to properly plan fundraising events and to ensure that all parents are aware of the purpose of each fundraising event. T. Hunter suggested thinking of different ideas for fundraising such as a car wash. A suggestion was also made to consider a garage sale where families and/or companies could rent tables. Mr. Gallagher reminded everyone that the school would need to be rented for the event and that there would be a cost involved (possibly \$300-\$400). This would need to be considered in the budget for such an event.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Sardo will ask the teachers to provide a wish list for the October council meeting in order to enable the group to undertake a detailed examination of the budget and determine which items should remain, which</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Lawrence inquired as to whether we could invite members of other School Councils to our meeting to get ideas from them. J. Lawrence has heard of other school councils in the Hamilton area that are very vocal and very good at getting things from the school board for their schools working together with the school (i.e., new windows if needed). She noted that there seems to be a bit of reluctance on the school's side to having council take such a role but she noted that there are parents here who are interested in advocating/lobbying for the good of the school and that we should work together to get things. Mr. Gallagher agreed that it is important that the council and school staff work closely to determine the priorities and then to work together to approach/lobby the Board for necessary items. He noted that Dundas Central's school council was successful in obtaining new windows for their school. He recommended inviting the Superintendent for the area to a Council meeting to discuss items of interest (i.e., technology).</li> </ul>	<p>should be removed and what should be added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss and finalize fundraising events upon completion of budget.</li> <li>T. Hunter will invite John Laverty, Superintendent to a future meeting (perhaps November?)</li> </ul>
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for October 21-23. Some discussion took place as to whether the event could/should be advertised in the local community section of the Dundas paper. It was felt that this may attract unwanted guests who would be aware that there would be money in the school that evening and that there might be a risk of theft.</li> <li>In order to solicit more interest in School Council it was agreed that at the bottom of the Scholastic Book Fair Notice there should be a tear off section requesting email addresses if the family is interested in receiving meeting agendas and minutes by email. It was suggested that those who fill out the email information would be entered into a draw related to the book fair. Exact details of the draw to be determined through consultation with the librarian.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the money raised from the book fair should be reinvested in books</li> <li>T. Lombardo and Diane will discuss details with librarian for draw prize and arrange for notice to be placed at bottom of Scholastic notice form</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T. Lombardo noted that the dates for Photo Day are not accurate in the newsletter and that the full school photo day is actually Oct. 2.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Gallagher will arrange for a notice to be sent home correcting the dates.</li></ul>
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**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2009 6:30**