

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 26, 2010

In Attendance: Tracey Hunter (Chair), Gary Poot (Principal), Carrie Mullins (Teacher Representative), Tammy Lombardo, Trina Baird, Melanie Walter, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary)

Minutes:

- Minutes from the September, 2010 School Council Meeting were approved by Tracey Hunter, Seconded by Tammy Lombardo.

ACTION:

1. Newsletter to include date of next meeting, encouraging all families to attend on Tuesday November 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Report on Items from Previous Month Minutes:

- Mr. Poot has investigated the cost of a Smartboard to be approximately \$4300.
- Investigation into pricing for playground mulch is ongoing.
- Leslie Hodges indicated that she is not interested in the Treasurer Position. Tracey Hunter is to continue to deposit money for the Council.
- QSP note home outlined the fundraising goal of obtaining another Smartboard.
- Meeting with Tammy and Tara to discuss key fundraising activities for the upcoming year to be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Future Lunch Connection dates are; Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 1, 15, 2010.

Teacher Presentation: Carrie Mullins

- A note from Mrs. Dichazi thanked the Council for supplying apples for the Terry Fox Run. She also wanted to thank the Yorkview community for their assistance and support at the recent Book Fair. She was able to purchase 140 new books for the library.
- Note from Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa and Mr. Puppa regarding the school Cross Country Team: Our Cross Country running season came to a close on October 15 with the Yorkview Meet. Over 60 runners took part, and a big THANK YOU goes out to our Parent Council for funding the medals and ribbons. Congratulations to all boys and girls for their efforts and hard work this season.

- Halloween Parade: The students will participate in a Costume Parade on the sidewalks around the school neighbourhood on Friday Oct 29, starting at approximately 12:30 p.m., weather permitting.
- Character Trait Assembly: In a new format, multiple character traits are the focus of each assembly, and increased collaboration between classes/teacher groups will occur. Currently, the SK and Grade 1 classes are working together to present Caring, Responsibility and Empathy. Morning announcements regarding this information are presented by Reading Buddy groups.
- Talent Fair: Ms. Sarido, Ms. Millington and Mrs. Fanning will be organizing the school Talent Fair in December. (Date to be determined.) Tammy suggested that adding an Art Show component would be inclusive of more students. The art would be available for purchase, providing an additional fundraising opportunity.
- Remembrance Day: All students of the school will walk to the Cenotaph in Downtown Dundas, to observe the Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony. This will occur rain or shine.

ACTION:

1. . Review Art Show component with organizing teachers.

Principal's Report: Gary Poot

- Mr. Poot provided information regarding the new Growing Success format of assessment, evaluation and reporting. He noted that this information would help parents/guardians navigate the expectation and definitions of the new Progress Report Card and Provincial Report Cards.
- Mr. Poot reviewed the Board-standard website format. He, Mrs. Dichazi and Mr. Greg Boyko (parent) are the Administrators of the site. This easy-to-navigate site includes quick links to the school profile, EQAO results, student information, yearly calendar, and monthly feature articles. He noted that in case of an emergency (inclement weather, etc.) a Board Message would scroll across the heading of the home page. It was suggested that a link to our electronic school newsletter system be included, as well as parent forms, such as pizza orders, trip forms, etc.

ACTION:

1. Information regarding the Growing Success criteria and definitions to be put on the school website.
2. Investigate addition of Yorkview electronic newsletter subscription to web page.

Pizza: Trina Baird

- Trina indicated that Pizza Fridays were going well. Approximately 40% of the orders were yearly pre-paid, 40% monthly pre-paid and 20% daily. Profit from this venture was averaging \$80.00 per week. Generally, the school needs 19 pizzas but orders 20 (and get a bonus pizza). Any leftovers are put in the school freezer for any student who may forget his/her lunch. Kindergarten students are included in the orders this year. She wanted to continue to encourage the yearly pre-payment option, and a reminder will go home at the start of November. She also proposed a \$5.00 tip for the driver, to be taken from the daily cash intake. This was unanimously approved by School Council.

ACTION:

1. Pizza Driver tip to be taken from daily cash fund.
2. Forms home with students in November to remind of yearly and monthly pre-payment option. Tammy to organize forms for each class.

Fundraising Report:

- Tammy reviewed the QSP order and noted that 142 orders were received, totalling \$5179.00. The school would receive approximately \$2000, a 40% return on this fundraiser.

ACTION:

1. Reminder to Yorkview families that QSP orders may continue online throughout the year, and funds raised will go to an additional Smartboard purchase.

Chair Report: Tracey Hunter

- Tracey indicated that the School Council has \$5379.89 in the bank, but upcoming withdrawals included \$1,500 for Teachers classroom allowances, and \$1,500 for Board-approved mulch for the creative play structure. She indicated that the Council will need to wait for another fundraiser before purchasing another Smartboard.
- She noted that the Parents Reaching Out grant has been approved. This was submitted last year and the \$1000 will go toward the purchase of a Parent Resource Library.

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