

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 16, 2012

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo, Samantha Cliff, Sue Sardo (Staff Representative), Melanie Walter, Cami Boyko, Lucy D'Angelo, Leigh Tutt, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary)

Previous Minutes:

June 2012 Meeting Minutes were approved by Tammy Lombardo, seconded by Samantha Cliff. No corrections were required.

2012-2013 Council Positions:

For the upcoming school year, Tammy Lombardo will be the Council Chair and Samantha Cliff will be the Fundraising Chair. Ben Cliff is to continue as the Treasurer, with assistance from Cami Boyko as required. Cathy Maga-Turner will continue as Secretary.

It was noted that two other parents had expressed an interest in joining Council as the Newsletter Chair and the Second Secretary. They were absent from the meeting, but will be contacted to confirm their interest.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

* Ms. Henderson described last years EQAO scores as fantastic, and noted the results exceeded her expectations. She indicated that Yorkview students scored 92 in Reading, 92 in Writing and 73 in Math. ALL scores exceeded the provincial averages. Historically, Math scores have been lower at all schools, as the Board has had an increased focus on Literacy and Critical Decision Making. She indicated that in all grades, Math will have an increased focus this year, and she has purchased Manipulatives (blocks, base-10s, geo-boards, and links) for each classroom. Teachers will receive training in the use of these Manipulatives. Research has indicated that increased Math comprehension is directly linked with the use of Manipulatives. All types of Math can be taught with these tools. During EQAO testing, the students are asked to explain how they got the answer. This type of meta-cognition (why are you doing what you're doing?) is a large component in brain development.

* Mrs. Henderson noted that she was pleased with how smoothly the start of the School year is going and was surprised at how well the JK and SK students are transitioning to the routines. She believes that Full-Day Kindergarten is a great program and the data indicates it is making a difference in their learning. She was also pleased to see so many families at the Meet the Teacher Night.

* The school has purchased 15 iPads for use in the classrooms. The goal is to get enough for a whole class (up to 30) and to obtain a router to allow wireless use in the school. Mrs. Fink and Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa are piloting this project. Mrs. Henderson is investigating the purchase of a

cart to store and charge up to 30 iPads (approx. \$1500). Mrs. Henderson noted that students with learning difficulties benefit greatly from the iPad use.

CHAIR REPORT:

Tammy Lombardo is to investigate access to the School Council e-mail address via the First Class system. This will allow Council to respond to and share parent ideas and concerns.

TREASURER REPORT:

Present the School Council financials at the next meeting.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

* Several fundraising campaigns have just arrived at the school. They will be investigated and discussed at the next meeting.

* More than 10 volunteers are helping to organize Pizza Fridays. An increase in yearly payments was noted, making the job a little easier.

* A total of \$3,360 was raised at the FORD "Drive One for Your School" event. The Manager at Mohawk Ford will be contacted for a photo-op for the local paper.

* Chapters/Indigo has a fundraising campaign which will see them provide the school with a free book with the online purchase of a Gift Card. Mrs. Henderson is to register the school and families will be informed in the next newsletter.

TEACHER REPORT:

Mrs. Henderson noted that Mrs. Mullins was having great success with the new 'Daily 5 Reading Program'. She indicated that the Grade 1 students were increasing their independent reading and she was looking for book donations for her class.

ACTION:

1. A note will go home to all families to indicate that book donations were always welcome, especially early readers. At the upcoming Book Fair, the school will accept purchased books and monetary donations for future book purchases. Older students may also want to donate some of their old books to the school. *Classroom Birthday celebration idea: donate your child's favourite book to the classroom! Have a parent/guardian/friend read the book to the class!

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 20, 2012

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo, Samantha Cliff, Ben Cliff, Leigh Tutt, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary)

Regrets: Cami Boyko, Lucy D'Angelo

Previous Minutes:

October 2012 Meeting Minutes were approved by Tammy Lombardo, seconded by Samantha Cliff. No corrections were required.

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

* Ms. Henderson and Ms. Lombardo are to continue to attempt to access the First Class system for a School Council email address.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

* Mrs. Henderson requested approval from the Council for funding to cover the cost of protective coverings for the recently purchased iPads and their screens. The cost was \$1,092.78. This was approved by Council.

* She also requested funds from the Council for a projector and speaker system for use with the iPads in the classroom and in the assemblies. The cost is approximately \$500.00. This was approved by Council.

* Mrs. Henderson noted that Ms. Mullins has spent a great deal of her own money to initiate the very successful "Daily 5" program. It was suggested that Council help with the costs of the materials purchased, as this program benefits many children at the school. Council agreed to provide \$600.00 to Ms. Mullins.

* Mrs. Henderson noted that a cheque for \$1,000.00 was donated to the school by a former Yorkview family who had won a contest at the Metro grocery store. This money is to be directed toward the purchase of athletic equipment.

* Mrs. Henderson noted that there will be an increased emphasis on math skills this year. She stated that manipulatives have been purchased and staff training is occurring regarding their use. A software program based on teaching with manipulatives will also be utilized.

* It was noted that the All Day Kindergarten Program will have a huge impact on the reading and math skills as these students progress through school. All students have recently been evaluated regarding their literacy levels and needs. The school Literacy teachers and programs will be used as required.

TREASURER REPORT:

* The School Council financials were reviewed and a healthy balance remains in the account.

ACTION:

1. Council to provide funds for the iPad covers, projector/speakers and for the supplies purchased by Ms. Mullins, as noted.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

* Yorkview students are to make a 'Thank-you' poster for Mohawk Ford in appreciation of our hugely-successful fundraising event.

* Mrs. Henderson presented a fundraising opportunity. At a cost of \$99.95, the Council will be provided with the contact information of Government groups and Foundations who provide grants and funding to schools in Ontario. This was approved by Council.

ACTION:

1. Present Thank-you card to Mohawk Ford. Application for 2013 Ford 'Drive One for Your School' fundraising event to be completed in January 2013.

2. Mrs. Cliff to start process to access Government grants funding. Any monies received to be used to purchase more iPads for classroom use.

PARENTAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS;

Nothing noted at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday January 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2013

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo, Samantha Cliff, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary), Cami Boyko, Melanie Walter, Lucy D'Angelo, Christine Miscione (Teacher Candidate)

Regrets: Trina Baird, Leigh Tutt

Previous Minutes:

November 2012 Meeting Minutes were approved by Tammy Lombardo, seconded by Samantha Cliff. No corrections were required.

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- * Ms. Henderson and Ms. Lombardo will continue to attempt to access the First Class system for a School Council email address.
- * A 'Thank-you' poster is to be completed by the students to be presented to Mohawk Ford in appreciation of our fundraising event.
- * Government Grant/Fundraising access information is to be purchased. Sam Cliff will complete this.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

- * Mrs. Henderson noted that a sound system was purchased and a projector has been ordered for use with the iPads. It is expected to arrive by the end of the month.
- * Mrs. Henderson stated that the labour dispute with the ETFO was ongoing and it was noted that no extracurricular activities were running at this time. This included the transfer of money involved in milk and pizza sales. In an ETFO notice dated January 15, 2013, "The non-participation of ETFO members in voluntary/extra-curricular activities be reviewed prior to March 1, 2013". During regular pizza day operations, extra pizza would normally be stored in the school freezer for any student who needed a snack or lunch. Mrs. Henderson assured us that these students are being taken care of by Mrs. Cochlin and her. Council offered money for the purchase of a snack/lunch 'pantry' for the students. An offer of parent volunteers to collect money and order the pizza was appreciated, but declined. Mrs. Henderson places a significant value on the relationships between her and the staff and the parents and would not want to jeopardise that.
- * Mrs. Henderson was wondering about a presentation for the students, such as an Anti-Bullying or a Musical performance. She will investigate the options and pricing and get back to us at the next council meeting.

* We discussed the possibility of a Mad Science 'Scholarship' for one student to attend the Wednesday lunch-time activities. The cost of this program is \$98.00 and will be covered by Council.

* Sam Cliff indicated that Miss Kerr noted that a Stylus would assist the Kindergarten students to develop their printing skills when using the iPad apps. She requested

funding for several of these items. Samantha Cliff will assist her in the purchase of these items, funded by Council.

* School Council was looking to supply the Teachers with iTunes Cards which would allow them to purchase apps for the iPads. These apps must be HWDSB-approved. Mrs. Henderson will discuss this proposal with Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

* The School Council has a balance of \$ 4, 497.30. The projector cost of \$396.00 will be taken from the account.

CHAIR REPORT: (Tammy Lombardo)

* Tammy noted that she and Cathy recently attended a meeting to discuss the future direction of secondary education in Dundas. They presented the options for the 2014-2015 school year as presented in that meeting. These options were based on the fact that there would be limited gym, science and computer labs with all Dundas high school students at the Highland site. The Parkside facilities would be used for these subjects, with shuttle busses transporting students between the two 'campuses'. Council members are to provide Tammy with any feedback or alternate suggestions.

* Tammy noted that it is Staff Appreciation Week February 10-15, 2013, although Feb 15 is a PD Day. Council would like to provide the Staff with a hot lunch.

ACTION:

Mrs. Henderson is to meet with Staff and identify the best date for the lunch.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: (Samantha Cliff)

* Samantha Cliff noted that she is involved in the process of registering the school for another Ford fundraising event. We discussed the possibility of a flexible date for this event, based on the current situation between the ETFO and the Government. She will investigate if we could defer the event, if required. If there is no flexibility, then Council will decide how to proceed with respect to a June 2013 event.

PARENTAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS;

* A parent noted that the School Council Meeting Minutes from October and November 2012 were not on the Yorkview Website.

ACTION:

Mrs. Henderson is to ensure that all of the meeting minutes are on the website.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo, Samantha Cliff, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary), Cami Boyko, Melanie Walter, Lucy D'Angelo, Judy Clark

Regrets: Leigh Tutt

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

* Ms. Henderson has sought assistance from the First Class system for a School Council email address.

* A 'Thank-you' poster is to be completed by Lucy D'Angelo and Yorkview students and will be sent to Mohawk Ford in appreciation of our fundraising event.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

* The Teachers and Staff enjoyed the Appreciation Lunch and have utilized the iTunes Gift Card presented by School Council.

* Final preparation for May/June EQAO testing is underway. The Grade 3 students are reviewing question types and styles. Mock testing will be reviewed and areas of difficulty identified will be addressed.

* At this time, no extracurricular activities are permitted. It was suggested that Council write the teachers a letter requesting a return of the milk/pizza days in the interest of fundraising and student nutrition. Council appreciates the position of the Teacher's Union limiting their extra activities. If this is not acceptable to 100% of the Teachers for any reason, it will not go ahead.

* Grade 1 play will require stage microphones and speakers. Ms. Henderson will ask Mr. Nichol to investigate the equipment required and costs. There is a rental possibility.

* Teachers have ordered projectors for use with the iPads.

* Ms. Henderson will investigate the details of a Ukulele Musical Program to be held at the school next year.

CHAIR REPORT: (Tammy Lombardo)

* Ms. Lombardo provided information regarding the HWDSB-sponsored program entitled 'The Great Soup Round-Up'. This food-share program asks each student to bring in one can of soup during the period of April 29 to May 3, 2013.

* Ms. Lombardo outlined the details of the Transition Committee Meeting held last week. This meeting is regarding the closure of Parkside and the renovations done to the Highland site. It was also attended by Ms. Henderson and Ms. Maga. A significant portion of the money allotted will be used for updating the current facility windows, ventilation and lighting. It will also be used to expand the cafeteria space, provide additional classrooms and gym space.

ACTION:

Ms. Lombardo is to keep Council members updated regarding Transition Committee information and future meetings.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: (Samantha Cliff)

* Ms. Cliff requires the charitable number from the Board in order to initiate the grant application process. This information will be sent to Ms. Henderson, who will then forward it to Ms. Cliff.

PARENTAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS;

* None identified at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday April 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo (Chair), Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary), Cami Boyko, Melanie Walter, Judy Clark, Leigh Tutt, Jocelyn Strutt

Regrets: Samantha Cliff (Fundraising), Ben Cliff (Treasurer), Kim Dichazi (Staff Representative), Lucy D'Angelo,

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- * Ms. Henderson continues to work on the First Class system for a School Council email address.
- * A 'Thank-you' poster is almost completed and will be sent to Mohawk Ford in appreciation of the fundraising event.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

- * All extra-curricular activities have returned to the school!
- * School Book Swap will be held for all grades on May 1, 2013. A suggestion was put forth to also include a selection of books available for a Parent book swap.
- * Ms. Henderson noted that the Parents Reaching Out Grant could provide up to \$500 for the school. Previously, this Grant has allowed the purchase of parental resources related to topics such as bullying and children's mental health issues. She noted that a member of School Council should attend a Program Writing Workshop (May 6 or 15) to assist with this grant application process-which could increase the amount of the grant from \$500 to \$1000. Tammy Lombardo is to attend. A suggestion was made to have a combined Literacy/Numeracy/French Night, which may include brief presentations by the Teachers.
- * The upcoming Grade 1 production of Peter Pan will delight audiences of all ages! Mr. Lombardo has generously donated his time and supplies to make props for this play (pirate ship, etc.).
- * The popular Talent Show will return to Yorkview on May 22! Thanks to Ms. Sardo and Mrs. Fanning who are organizing this.
- * Ms. Henderson will discuss the dates of the upcoming Kindergarten Celebration and the Grade 5 Graduation with staff, to ensure that there are no conflicts.
- * The Foot Patroller Program has been suspended, but Ms. Henderson is investigating Board policy regarding insurance coverage for the students. This program may restart in September 2013.

* Ms. Henderson will investigate the details of a Ukulele Musical Program to be held at the school next year.

CHAIR REPORT: (Tammy Lombardo)

* Ms. Lombardo wondered if the school had purchased stage microphones and speakers. Ms. Henderson indicated that Mr. Nicole was assisting with this and hoped that they

would be available for the Grade 1 class to practice with before the Peter Pan production

FUNDRAISING REPORT: (Samantha Cliff)

* Ms. Cliff was absent, but sent a message noting that she now had the charitable number from the Board and would initiate the grant application process.

TEACHER REPORT: (Kim Dichazi)

Ms. Dichazi was absent but forwarded the following information:

* Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday September 26, 2013. Yorkview has been recognised as one of the few elementary schools in Ontario that have participated in this event for more than 30 years.

* Yorkview Track and Field will be held on June 7 and the Board-wide meet will be held on June 20 at the Mohawk Sports Park. She requested funding to cover both events (\$500.00). Council approved this expense.

* She is continuing to collect Campbell Soup Labels and Canadian Tire money to be used to purchase additional gym supplies.

PARENTAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS;

* Ms. Strutt asked when Yorkview was scheduled for review by the Board. Ms. Henderson indicated that the review for the schools in this area was scheduled for 2016.

* Ms. Lombardo noted that the blacktop behind the school was in poor condition. Ms. Henderson suggested a letter from parents to the Superintendent John Laverty. We also discussed the need to “fluff” the bark mulch around the Creative Play area.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 21, 2013

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo (Chair), Samantha Cliff (Fundraising), Carrie Mullins (Teacher Representative), Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary), Cami Boyko, Melanie Walter, Judy Clark, Leigh Tutt, Jocelyn Strutt

Regrets: Trina Baird, Lucy D'Angelo,

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- * Ms. Henderson continues to work on the First Class system for a School Council email address.
- * A 'Thank-you' poster is completed and will be taken to Mohawk Ford by Sam and Ben Cliff.
- * The Foot Patroller Program has been suspended, but Ms. Henderson is investigating Board policy regarding insurance coverage for the students. Hopefully, this program will restart in the fall of 2013.
- * Ms. Henderson will finalize the dates of the upcoming Kindergarten Celebration and the Grade 5 Graduation, to ensure that there are no conflicts.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

- * The Talent Show will be presented tomorrow night at the school. Art will be displayed throughout the school and items will be available for purchase.
- * Tickets for the production of Peter Pan will be on sale at the Talent Show tomorrow.
- * Ms. Henderson will investigate the details of a Ukulele Musical Program to be held at the school next year. Students in any grade (and staff!) will be able to participate.

CHAIR REPORT: (Tammy Lombardo)

- * Ms. Lombardo went to the writing workshop and noted that the Parent Reaching Out Grant was due tonight at midnight. The Grant funds are to be used toward three "Parent Engagement Seminars". Our focus will be on educating parents on how they can support their children with the new Literacy and Numeracy curriculum. A survey will be completed to select the best time regarding parental availability. (Information will be provided to interested parents who are not able to attend). The proposed \$1000 funds will be used toward; refreshments, promotion, child care during the events, resources and the cost of a speaker. Any surplus funds will be used to purchase material for the Parent Lending Library.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: (Samantha Cliff)

* Ms. Cliff will review all fundraising information over the summer to be ready for September 2013.

TEACHER REPORT: (Carrie Mullins)

* Mrs. Mullins requested funding for the program she has been implementing, 'Arts Through a Play'. Funding would go toward the costs of paint, brushes, musical score purchase, costumes and a wrap-up party. Council approved these expenses.

* Microphones and a sound system have been rented (@ \$50.00/day) for practice and the Peter Pan production.

* There is an upcoming trip to the Twin Valley Zoo for the students in the grades Kdg-2, on June 17.

* Mrs. Mullins wanted to show appreciation for all the reading and musical help Miss Barb provides for the Primary students. A "Miss Barb Day" was suggested.

PARENTAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS;

* Mrs. Baird noted that the February and May Council Meeting Minutes were not on the Yorkview website.

* Ms. Walter noted that several cars were seen parked on the blacktop at the back of the school during eventing soccer practices. The chain is missing to block this. Mrs. Henderson will discuss this with Mr. Griffiths.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

In Attendance: Karen Henderson (Principal), Tammy Lombardo (Chair), Samantha Cliff (Fundraising), Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary), Melanie Walter, Judy Clark, Leigh Tutt, Jocelyn Strutt, Lucy D'Angelo

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

* Ms. Henderson will update the school website and the School Council email address for the upcoming school year.

* A 'Thank-you' poster has been taken to Mohawk Ford by Sam and Ben Cliff.

* Ms. Henderson is investigating Board policy regarding insurance coverage for the students participating in the Foot Patroller Program. Hopefully, this program will restart in the fall of 2013.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

* The Talent Show and Peter Pan Performance were a great success! Thanks to the Staff and Students who put so much time and effort into these productions. These events also generated fundraising dollars to be used in the purchase of classroom supplies/tools.

* The Grade 1 Class will put on a repeat performance of Peter Pan for Dundas Central students on Friday. Mrs. Henderson will get the microphones for this event.

* The Grade 5 Graduation will be held on Tuesday June 25 and the Kindergarten Celebration will be held on June 27, 2013.

CHAIR REPORT: (Tammy Lombardo)

* Ms. Lombardo attended the Dundas High School Transition Meeting last week. She noted that there will be staffing, principal and Superintendent changes for the upcoming school year. The Board is looking for suggestions to name the 'new' high school at www.hwdsb.on.ca/feedback

FINANCIAL REPORT: (Karen Henderson)

* Records indicate that the School Council account has approximately \$2840.90 to date. There are several outstanding withdrawals, which include:

1. Grade 5 Awards approx. \$150.00
2. Track and Field (half of bus payment) approx. \$140.00
3. Teacher Classroom Allowances unknown
4. Possible Grade 5 event (i.e. movie) unknown

* It was estimated that by the end of the current school year, \$2000.00 would remain in the School Council account.

* Mrs. Henderson suggested that these funds be used to purchase two more iPads for the classrooms. (approx. cost \$1200.00) This was approved by Council.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: (Samantha Cliff)

* Ms. Cliff is hoping to repeat the Ford 'Drive One for your School' event in October 2013. Another suggestion was to hold a FUN FAIR in September on the same night as the Meet the

Teachers event. (It was noted that Dundas Central will be holding a similar event on Thurs. Sept 26, 2013, to avoid a scheduling conflict.)

PARENTAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS;

None noted at this time.

NEXT MEETING:September, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the school.