

Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 25, 2011

In Attendance – Tammy Lombardo, Gary Poot (Principal), Hilary Millington (Teacher Rep.), Tara Smith, Melanie Walter, Jennifer Lawrence, Trina Baird

Minutes:

Minutes from the November 2010 School Council Meeting were approved by Tammy Lombardo, seconded by Trina Baird

Topic of mulch for playground came up. No names received yet for a provider of mulch. Next month there will be an inspection of the playground and next steps to follow. Would be best to get mulch down while ground still frozen.

Teacher Presentation (Hilary Millington):

The talent show was a success! Profits are posted on the website.

Upcoming events:

- a) Mr. Puppa – The Yorkview Basketball League is underway. Eight teams involving over 35 grade 4 and 5 students are taking part. Three games per week are being played. Updated stats are posted on the gym door and on the Yorkview website. Games go from 3:00 – 3:45 pm and spectators are welcome. The season runs until March 29 with playoffs to follow.
- b) Mrs. Fanning – Mrs. Fanning is running 2 choir groups – a primary and a junior group. There will be a “choirfest” meet in May which will require a bus to transport the children to the event. The School Council agreed to cover the cost of the bus transportation (approx. \$160 for one bus).
- c) Mrs. Caldwell Puppa’s and Mrs. Gelerman’s classes will be selling TCBY non-fat frozen yogurt. It meets the HWDSB guidelines for 20% category (once a week sales) for a milk based alternative dessert. Nutritional guidelines are available – it is nut allergy sensitive and contains no gelatine or gluten. Selling one cup for \$2, each Thursday (Wed. For Kindergarten B classes), with a kick-off on Valentines to coincide with 100th day of school. We will see how sales go to determine if it will be a weekly event now or wait until the weather gets warmer.
- d) Week of Jan. 24 is National Literacy Week. A yellow Bingo form went home with each child to be returned Jan. 27. The class who participate the most will get a pizza party. There will also be a family draw for a pizza dinner. Snuggle Up and Read to be held on Jan. 27 at 6:00 pm.

ACTION:

1. Council to provide cost of bus transportation to Choirfest for Mrs. Fanning’s choir groups in May (approx. \$160 for one bus).

Principal's Report:

- a) Boston Pizza Fundraiser – A card has gone out with each student explaining details of this fundraiser. On Tuesday Feb. 1, families who go to Boston Pizza on Main St. and present their Yorkview card or let the restaurant know they are there for Yorkview, 15% of their bill will be donated to the school.
- b) Smart Board Update - \$500 has been donated by the Lion's Club. Additional donation amounts can be found on the school's web-site. Need an additional \$1,500 from School Council to purchase a Smart Board. The question was asked if parents/School Council could write a letter to the Board asking that Smart Board numbers be reviewed as other schools in the area have more boards. A letter could be sent to the Superintendent for consideration. Also, the topic of a "Smart Board" presentation came up so that the parents of Yorkview could fully understand the cost/benefits of the purchase of a Smart Board. It is not yet clear to some parents why all the fuss about Smart Boards.
- c) Report Cards – To be going out on Feb. 9, 2011 (unless between now and then the Board extends the date). Teachers worked very hard to get the report cards ready on time and did a super job!
- d) Teacher/Staff appreciation week is week of Feb. 13. Details were discussed after the meeting.

ACTION:

1. Mr. Poot to discuss with Tracey Hunter the possibility of using approximately \$1,500 from School Council budget for a Smart Board.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer Report is much the same as the last meeting in November. Some Pizza money came in and some expenses went out. Therefore not much change in bank balance – approx. \$9,000 before accrued expenses such as playground mulch, prepaid pizza expenses, grad costs, teachers' allowances etc. Therefore we still only have about \$2,000 in excess of the accrued expenses.

Fundraising Report:

- a) Tara talked about some fundraising ideas – i.e., possible car wash in June, selling flower seeds in May to coincide with Mother's Day, garage sale for clothes and donate the funds to the school.
- b) Dance-a-thon – To be held in the afternoon of either Feb. 18 or Feb. 25. Tara will be the lead on this with help from others on the Council. In the past, some of the funds raised in the Dance-a-thon has gone to another charity (last year, Haiti). This was discussed and it was raised that perhaps we discontinue giving some of the funds raised to another charity, as we do struggle to raise money for the school to begin with. Expenses for the Dance-a-thon are approx. \$200-\$250 and we'll need prizes for all the children participating as well as a prize for the child who raises the most money.
- c) Coin Drop – To be put on hold for now.

ACTIONS:

1. A sub-committee meeting will be called asap to organize dance-a-thon.
2. Tammy or Tara to let Mr. Poot know the date for the Dance-a-thon (either Feb. 18 or Feb. 25)

Other Misc. Business:

- a) **Grade 5 Graduation** –Jennifer Lawrence has offered to take over the planning of the grade 5 graduation and Tammy to help out as well. \$350 is budgeted for this. Date needs to be set. Ms. Sarido and Ms. Millington will organize the Graduation Committee.
- b) **Premier Award for Teaching Excellence** – nominations are due Monday Jan 31. Jennifer would like to nominate Mr. And Mrs. Puppa as team of the year.
- c) **Pizza issues** – Trina brought up the fact that approx. 20% of all pizza orders continue to come in on the day rather than monthly or annually. The number of daily orders can vary a lot. This is causing there often to be a lot of pizza left over as we never know the exact amount to order (we put the order in the day before). We've had as much as 3-4 pizzas left over in the past. In order to maximize profit and minimize man power, we would like to send a communication to those people paying daily to say that we will be reducing the number of pizzas ordered so if you pay daily, there is a chance there will be no pizza left over and to pack extra food. Other schools pizza days were discussed as some schools only have an annual payment option. Trina proposes this for next year with the option of also paying in 2 instalments because the record-keeping and the work required to track daily, monthly and annual pizza payments is very substantial.

ACTIONS:

1. Date to be set for Grade 5 Graduation.
2. Jennifer to nominate for teaching excellence award.
3. Trina and Mr. Poot to meet to draft up communication to parents/caregivers regarding daily pizza orders and the fact that there may not be enough pizza for those children coming on the day with their pizza money.

Next meeting – Tuesday February 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the school!