

# **Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday February 22, 2011**

**In Attendance:** Tracey Hunter (Chair), Gary Poot (Principal), Kim Dichazi (Teacher Representative), Tammy Lombardo, Laura Ingles, Jennifer Lawrence, Melanie Walter, Tara Smith, Cathy Maga-Turner (Secretary)

## **Minutes:**

- Minutes from the January 2011 School Council Meeting were approved by Tammy Lombardo, Seconded by Jennifer Lawrence.

## **ACTION:**

1. Newsletter to include date of next meeting, encouraging all families to attend on Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

## **Report on Items from Previous Month Minutes:**

- Grade 5 Graduation will be held on June 28, 2011.
- Dance-a-thon will be on March 4, 2011.
- Money to fund bus for students to attend Choirfest to be supplied to Mrs. Fanning.

## **Teacher Presentation: Kim Dichazi**

- Thank-you from all the staff for the School Council-sponsored Staff Appreciation Lunch last week.
- House League basketball is ongoing until March 29, 2011.
- The school Choirs are continuing to practice at lunch until the March Choirfest.
- TCBY fundraiser is going well, with a reasonable profit being made for school essentials.
- Pins & Hoops continues daily at recess times for grades 4 and 5 students.
- Mr. Puppa's class had 100% participation in the recent Literacy Bingo contest, and won themselves a pizza party. Well done!
- All student report cards were distributed Board-wide on February 16, 2011.

### **Principal's Report: Gary Poot**

- ARC-WEST: The Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) is currently reviewing possible school closures due to enrolment decline. A handout was sent home with students. The Yorkview community falls under the ARC-WEST territory, and may be affected but the possible closure of Parkside High School in 2013 as recommended by the HWDSB. The next public meeting is March 1, 2011 and all are welcome to attend. The Board makes a recommendation, and the ARC committee will have the final decision, with input from parents and principals.
- Pinnies: A donation of \$150.00 was made to the school last year specifically directed toward the purchase of new pinnies for the school teams. Mr Poot has asked Mr. Puppa to complete an inventory of the pinnies and their sizes, and a purchase will be arranged. It was estimated that they would cost approximately \$10 each from Litzen's.
- Boston Pizza Fundraiser: A fun night out for Yorkview families and staff. The restaurant manger indicated that he will be providing the school with \$280.00 as a result of this successful event.

#### **ACTION:**

1. Mr. Poot to put ARC-WEST meeting information on the school website.
2. Pinnies to be ordered on completion of inventory review.

### **Chair Report: Tracey Hunter**

- Tracey provided an up to date bank statement and indicated that there were minimal expenses in January.

### **Fundraising Report: Tara Smith**

- Dance-a-thon: This event will be held on March 4, 2011 with a purple, green and gold Mardi Gras theme. The students have been provided with masks to decorate for the event. It was noted that some completed pledge sheets are already coming in to the school. Tara has some prizes for the dance, including Toys R Us gift card, Chapters gift card, One Year Dundas Pool membership, books and toys. Tara will continue to solicit prizes from local businesses.

#### **ACTION**

1. Morning Announcements to include info regarding upcoming dance-a-thon. Ongoing fundraising and prize donations encouraged.
2. School library to be a designated "quiet zone" for those who are seeking a break in the action during the Dance.
3. Melanie to count the dance money on Friday after her pizza duties.

4. Tammy is to provide information regarding Mabel's Labels to be handed out to families attending the Tim Horton's Camp meeting on March 1, 2011.

#### **Miscellaneous Business:**

- Mr. Poot noted the need for the playground mulch to be in place before March break and the ground thaw.
- Melanie suggested that School Council deliver flowers to Linda Cochlin as she is missed during her prolonged absence.
- Jennifer has submitted her Teaching Excellence Award nomination for Mr and Mrs. Puppa as a teaching team.
- Jennifer also sent letters regarding Smartboards to the Board Superintendant and Jessica Brennan, School Trustee. She outlined concerns reading the disparity between schools, as Sir William Osler School has Smartboards in every classroom and Yorkview has only one for the whole school. It was suggested that Yorkview be provided with 2 portable Smartboards, minimum.
- It was noted that during the last two school functions, (Literacy Night and a school assembly) the sound system was not functioning properly. Jennifer noted that her husband may be able to help with this.

#### **ACTION**

1. Tracey to arrange flowers to be sent to Mrs. Cochlin.
2. Mr. Poot and Mr. Griffiths are to investigate the sound system.
3. Mr. Poot to finalize mulch requirements and arrange delivery. Volunteers to be recruited to distribute much.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the school**