

Minutes - Goulbourn Middle School Parent Council 2009-2010

- April 27, 2010, 7 pm

Present

Rosanne Wall, Terri Klassen, Jacqueline McKenzie, Cindi Quirk, Robbie Judd, Chris Noxon, Chantal Racine, Carol Mason, John Harvey, Wenda Weiss, Susan Rabb.

- Quorum was not reached in March therefore, no minutes were taken from that meeting.
 - Early attendance indicated that quorum was not going to be reached again in April. Therefore, as was agreed in September, Council members who had missed two or more meetings in a row were removed from Council. Those members included: Tracey Flanders, Elaine Morgan and Patricia Smith. With the removal of these members, quorum was reached.
1. Welcome - Jacqueline McKenzie opened the meeting with a welcome.
 - a. Motion passed to approve the agenda (Carol & Cindi)
 - b. Motion passed to approve the February 2010 minutes (Carol & Jacqueline)
 2. Principles report (Chantal Racine)
 - Staffing has begun for the 2010-2011 school year. As it stands right now there will be 424 students organized into 18 classes. This results in a reduction of 1.5 teaching positions.
 - Currently the class organization is as follows:
 - o Grade 6 → 3 english & 2 EFI
 - o Grade 7 → 5 english, 1 EFI & 1 LFI
 - o Grade 8 → 3 english, 1 EFI & 1 LFI
 - o 1 system class, GLP
 - the special education team allocation is unchanged
 - the EA allocation is not yet known
 - the grade 5 information night is scheduled for May 20
 3. Vice-principles report (Chris Noxon)
 - the funds from the school council have all been spent
 - the \$12 000 tech grant has also been spent
 - items bought with the tech grant include
 - o a big screen (16X12) for the gym
 - o 4 smart boards
 - o 7 in-focus machines
 - o media-carts
 - o LCD TV (used for video streaming) in the labs
 - Items such as another smart board, media-cart and white boards are still on the 'wish list'.
 - The school resource officer met with all the students on April 1 to discuss cyber-bullying and its consequences; this went very well.

- Lastly, there was some discussion on how to educate parents on the benefits and dangers of the technology that the students are using on a daily basis and the need to monitor their children using this technology.
4. Treasurers report (Cindi Quirk)
 - There is no treasurers' report this month. Cindi apologizes for this.
 - Cindi also informed council that she will not be able to be treasurer next year but is willing to help the next person get started in the role.
 - Chantal will put this opening in the next newsletter to go home with parents plus it will be mentioned at the grade 5 information night.
 5. Healthbar report
 - no healthbar representative was present
 - a food coordinator is still needed for next year
 6. Fundraising report
 - there was no report on fundraising this month
 7. Teachers report
 - 'Write On' is a writing club that meets weekly (Tues in the computer lab 12:05-12:45) and gives students an opportunity to write what they would like to without it being an assignment. They are encouraged to be creative and try different genres. There are approx 15 girls that attend. Students have made submissions to the Young Writers and also to the Ottawa Citizen (May 3). Parents who have a writing background are welcome to come and speak to the group. - Sandra Smith
 - The Red Maple Reading Club had a terrific year with over 50 students registered. 25 of these students successfully read 5 or more books and were able to vote in the annual provincial contest. There will be a party in mid-May for both the red maple and the silver birch reading clubs. - Janet-Lynn Mulligan
 - The band was at South Carleton on April 26 for the annual 'family of schools' concert. There were over 300 students from the 4 schools. The band sounded great during their 2 solo pieces and during the massed band for 3 additional pieces. The band is off to Toronto May 13-14 to perform at Wonderland and also see the Ontario Science Center. They will also see 'Mamma Mia'. On May 25 the band will tour GMS' 3 feeder schools (Munster, Richmond and SPS). There will also be an end of year concert at some point. - Linda Crawford
 - the sr. boys basketball team won silver
 - the sr. girls basketball team play this coming Thursday
 - the jr. girls basketball team play today and won silver
 - track and field as started in the gym classes
 - the grade 6's will be doing 'Directors Cut' on May 7-14.

8. New business

- Cake walk – will take place Wednesday, May 12. Rosanne Wall and Susan Fullerton will be organizing. There will be house points given for each cake donated. This will be a directed fundraiser as the money fundraised will be used towards the purchase of another smart board. The tickets will sell at 25 cents per ticket, 5 for \$1 with a cap of \$5 per student. Terri Klassens' team of students will make posters to advertise.
- There will be a board meeting with the public concerning the new school in Stittsville, the boundary and grade level changes on June 3rd.

9. adjournment

- the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 (John & Wenda)