



School Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2011

Attendees:

Jacqueline McKenzie

Cindi Quirk

Andrea Eaton *andrea@eastonia.ca*

Chantal Racine

Robyn Darragh

Rosanne Wall

John Harvey

Jane Law

Tracy Smith

Tracey Flanders

Misty Spencer

Robbie Judd

Melissa Aitken

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**Next meeting:
March 22nd, 2011**

Welcome (Jacqueline McKenzie)

Approval of the Agenda

No longer required

Approval of the Minutes

November 2010

Motion to Approve: John Harvey (1st)
Jacqueline McKenzie (2nd)

* No council meeting in December or January.

Principal's Report (Chantal Racine)

- Several students have requested that a Booster Juice day be offered either as part of Health Bar or occasional days supplemental to Health Bar.
* Rosanne to discuss with Jacqueline in coordinating driving arrangements, as Booster Juice does not deliver.
- First set of report cards went home on February 2nd. Everyone is encouraged to return the tear-off portion.
- Initial planning assessments for the 2011-2012 school year put the projected student enrolment at 460 students, including first Grade 6 Middle French Immersion students. Current enrolment is 449 students. Historically, the projections are fairly accurate.
- Students are participating in the 2nd week (of 3) of skiing for the Grade 6,7, and 8s. There have been no injury reports to date.
- Dance for Diabetes raised \$5000.
- Grade 8 options sheets have been submitted to South Carleton High.
- Annual Pancake breakfast to be held on March 8th.
- Musical to be held week of April 11th.

Treasurer's Report (Andrea Easton)

- Treasurer's Report reviewed at the meeting.
- Two NSF cheques in January, and one new subsidy
- Projected end of year balance: \$21,262
- Cake Walk raised \$1,465, which the school administration determined would be best directed to the school library. All students in the school will benefit from this.
- Some discussion ensued about whether Council should be involved in directed fund raising. While Council voted to support the decision to direct Cake Walk funds to the Library, it was agreed that in the future, all council funds should be directed to the Needs Assessment list.
- It was also suggested that at the beginning of the year, the Needs Assessment Wish List should be published so that the parent community has more insight into where funds might be directed throughout the school year.

Health Bar Report / Fundraising Update (Rosanne Wall)

- All Health Bar programs are running smoothly.
- Costs were adjusted so that we are no longer paying HST on Pita's.
- Currently, there is no Health Bar dates in the month of June. At this point, we are unsure if they will be offered. Rosanne to consider and notify council.
- Melissa Aitken has stepped forward to run The Fudgery Fund Raiser. Chantal requested that only nut-free fudges be offered, and that food not be sent home on the bus.

Teacher's Report (Mrs. Law)

- Grade 7/8's recently completed the Geography Challenge. Ethan Kelly (Gr. 8) came in first, with Lukas Upton (Gr 7) placing second. Ethan will tryout for Nationals.
- Intramural Floor hickey has just come to an end.
- Open Basketball will be offered in the gym in the month of March.
- Two teams will be going to South March on March 30th to participate in a chess tournament.
- Many thanks to our volunteer teachers offering bordenball, floor hockey, volleyball, and basketball during their lunch hour.

Administrators Reports (Misty Spencer)

- Record of Needs Assessment expenses was presented.
- Currently, only the Grade 8s are subsidized for Director's Cut. Must find a way to subsidize the Grade 6/7s as well.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pancake Breakfast – March 8
Musical – week of April 11

New Business

Additional Funds to the School

Motion put forward by Cindi Quirk to give the school some of the council funds now, rather than wait for the end of the year. With current projections for end of year balance near \$20,000, council agreed to give the school \$5000 now, in addition to the \$1465 to be directed to the Library. At the end of the year, council will assess the funds remaining in the account, and determine an appropriate amount for the end of year disbursement.

Motion to Approve:

Cindi Quirk (1st)
Rosanne Wall (2nd)

Motion to Adjourn - no longer required

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Goulbourn Middle School Council

March 29, 2011

1. **Welcome** – Jacqueline McKenzie
 - **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Approval of Minutes of February 2011**
2. **Principal's Report** – Chantal Racine ✓
3. **Treasurer's Report** – ✗
4. **Healthbar Report** -- Michele Clarke / Roseanne Wall ✓
5. **Fundraising Update** – ✓
6. **Teacher's Report** ✓
7. **New Business** ✓
- ✓ ○ **Grad 2011** ✓
8. **Adjournment**

Grad Wed June 29th

Council - cookies/drinks ~ Misty to check out Sir Guy
Robyn / Misty / Chantal

Next Meeting: April 26, 2011



March 7, 2011

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) will be undertaking a demographic survey of our student population between **April 18 and May 20, 2011**. The purpose of this letter is to share some detailed information with you about the student survey.

This survey was originally planned for the fall of 2010. The district delayed the survey in order to work with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC) on privacy issues. The IPC conducted a privacy investigation to ensure the survey was compliant with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. I am very pleased to advise you that the investigation is complete and the IPC has confirmed the survey is in compliance with the Act. A copy of the IPC report can be found at www.ocdsb.ca

What's changed?

The IPC report did not recommend any changes to the survey. However, the school district has made some improvements to the privacy and information management aspects of the survey. These changes include:

- More detail in the "Notice of Collection" statement on the survey;
- The creation of a form for parents to notify the school if they do not want their child to complete the survey or if they wish to complete the survey on paper at home;
- Students who do not have consent to complete the survey will not be brought to the computer lab while the other students complete the survey;
- Improvements to the survey data analysis process, including a six phase analysis process and the removal of student identifiers from the research data;
- Expanded instruction on the survey return envelope.

Why is the district doing the survey?

The district is undertaking this survey for several reasons:

- We believe that a comprehensive demographic survey will give us a better understanding of our student population and will help us to better meet student needs;
- We are required to complete a bi-annual school climate survey; and
- We are required to complete an Aboriginal self-identification survey.

School districts are responsible for promoting student achievement and student well-being. Research tells us that student achievement is influenced by many factors. This survey asks a number of questions related to those factors, including such things as ethnicity, socioeconomics, gender, sexual orientation, student engagement, sense of belonging, school climate, student health, extracurricular activities and special accommodations.

How will the survey data be used?

The survey data will help us make decisions about the programs and services that are available to students. For example, if the survey data suggests a higher experience of bullying within a specific student population (such as ethnic minority/religion/sexual orientation), we can develop or enhance educational strategies that are designed to help address some of the root causes of bullying.