

# GOULBOURN MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES

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**LOCATION:** Goulbourn Middle School Library

**DATE:** Nov. 27, 2012 **TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Melissa Aitken Gina Montgomery  
Leigh-Anne Sinclair Andrea Easton (Treasurer)  
Chantal Racine (Principal) Robyn Darragh (VP)  
Tracy Smith Andrea Davitt  
Susan Rabb Jo-Anne Schroeder  
Tricia Redmond Mona Beimers

**ABSENT:** Teacher Rep. Michele Clarke

**CO-CHAIRS:** Melissa Aitken and Leigh-Anne Sinclair

**SECRETARY:** Gina Montgomery

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## REVIEW AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES

Melissa welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves, as we had a new parent join us. The new parent that joined the meeting was Mona Beimers.

Melissa led a motion to approve the previous minutes from October 23rd. It was seconded by Tricia.

Melissa led a motion to approve the agenda as is. Tricia seconded the motion.

It was noted that details on labour relations can be viewed on the OCDSB website. Jo-Anne informed us that there will be a ratifying vote next week for secondary schools.

## CHAIR REPORT – Melissa Aitken

There was nothing to report at this time

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Chantal Racine

Chantal expressed a thank you to all participants this evening. As always, everyone's presence is much appreciated.

November was a busy month. A beautiful Remembrance Day assembly was coordinated by Mrs. Wiggins.

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Several classes attended a presentation given by Master Warrant Officer Douglas, who is one of our parents that returned from Afghanistan on November 9<sup>th</sup>

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (CONT'D) - Chantal Racine**

A fun Pyjama Spirit Day was had by all and we raised \$271 for the United Way. In keeping with our ongoing character education, Chantal expressed how thrilled she was with the generosity and participation of our students and community in the Samaritan's Purse holiday gift boxes. The students filled 66 boxes to send overseas. Yay Goulbourn!

This morning there was an amazing presentation given by Jeremy Dias whose message of tolerance, kindness, the importance of making the world a better place, one thought and one person at a time was delivered with humour and candour.

Ongoing activities include the concert and jazz bands, as well as Guitar Club, Tuesday and Wednesday Homework Clubs, Eager Readers, Girls and Boys Volleyball and an exhibition game between the two teams. Chantal took this opportunity to sincerely thank all staff members who provide their time, effort and skills to make these things happen for our students.

On a fun note, staff celebrated with Mrs. Law as she became a Canadian citizen last week.

Upcoming events include the Grade 8 Trip information session on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library and Constable Carrie Archibald will be giving a presentation to Gr. 7's & 8's on Tues., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Constable Archibald will be giving information on the dangers of sexting, cyber bullying and cyber safety. She will be giving a presentation in the evening for parents at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome, so please tell your friends. Chantal thanked Miss Darragh for organizing these three events.

Grade 8's will visit and have an orientation session at South Carleton during the day on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Andrea Easton**

Andrea advised us that \$1,000 (\$500 stale dated cheque from 2011/12 replacement, and new cheque for 2012/13 school year) received from OCDSB/Ministry for the Parent Engagement Program was deposited.

Andrea also stated that there was one new subsidy for food and one for milk.

With regards to expenses, \$148.00 was spent on plates for pizza and \$58.20 was spent on condiments for Subway.

Andrea also advised that cheque types for small business/councils have changed at

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the supplier and it will now cost more. The cheque fee was \$123.36.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT'D) – Andrea Easton**

Pending fundraising cheques were \$277 at Chapters Night and \$400 Senators Tickets sales (2011/12).

Andrea requested ideas on what to do with the \$1,000 grant.

## **FUNDRAISING REPORT – Melissa Aitken/Rosanne Wall**

Melissa advised that the Equator coffee fundraising orders are due back on Monday and should be delivered on Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Cake Walk in the spring.

## **HEALTH BAR REPORT – Rosanne Wall**

Michele requested that Gina inform us in her absence that the Milk program will continue in the new year as two volunteers agreed to help out. Thank you to Tracy Smith and Cheryl Dupuis for volunteering on Booster Days and on Mondays.

## **PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

Chantal advised us that she is continuing her work on the library naming. She has contacted the funeral home regarding Helen Sutton's family to see if they can contact her. Once the family gives their permission, Chantal will go ahead with the library naming procedure.

Sue advised us that there was one canopy left at Walmart, however the price was not reduced at the end of the season. The price for the canopy was still \$199.99. It was decided by all that we would hold off until spring to purchase.

**ACTION: Sue Rabb will purchase 2 canopies in the spring.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It was suggested that a fund be established for extra food being purchased for students who have not brought enough snacks in their lunches. Gina agreed to purchase snacks for students and get reimbursed.

**ACTION: Gina to shop for snacks for students.**

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## ADJOURNMENT

Tricia motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jo-Anne seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD TUES., JANUARY 22, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.**