

Minutes – Goulbourn Middle School Parent Council 2009

- October 27, 2009, 7pm

Present

Jacqueline McKenzie, Melanie Gavan, Wenda Weiss, Elaine Morgan, Keith Dysart, Deb Hurley, Cindi Quirk, Chris Noxon, Chantal Racine, Michele Clarke, Rosanne Wall

1. Welcome – Jacqueline McKenzie opened the meeting with a welcome
 - a. The agenda was approved
 - b. The minutes from the September meeting were approved
 - c. Jacqueline thanked Cindi Quirk, our new treasurer, for all her hard work in setting up the finances for the 2009-2010 school year. Cindi has been extremely busy and efficient at getting things up and running smoothly.
 - d. Jacqueline also thanked all the food program coordinators in their work in getting the food programs up and running.
2. Principals Report (Chantal Racine)
 - a. The new gym floor is almost finished. It may be done in time for the Remembrance Day activities.
 - b. There is a contingency plan for Remembrance Day in case the gym is not ready – the grade 8's will go to the Cenotaph, the grade 7's will go to the Stittsville ceremonies and the grade 6's will go to the Richmond ceremonies.
 - c. The students did well during the first fire drill of the year. There will be 2 more.
 - d. Thank you to council on behalf of the staff for the funds that were given at the September council meeting. The funds are being used to support the 'directors cut videos'; these videos are funded by the council (25%), the school budget (25%) and by the students (50%).
 - e. The Directors Cut Videos were a success.
 - f. Thank you to Susan Rabb for running the Vesey Bulb fundraising campaign. \$750 was raised for GMS.
 - g. QSP fundraising is just starting up with Mrs. Mullens and Deb Hurley.
 - h. The staff and students are looking forward to the NAC outing on Nov 27. This may be a dress up day for the students.

- iv. It was decided that the parents will need to come to the school to pick up the fudge because of nut allergy concerns.
- b. The cake walk fundraiser for the school will probably occur after Christmas (Valentines?)
- c. There was some discussion about fundraising for a specific purpose or simply fundraising for council (and then council distributes the funds raised)
 - i. Issues raised include:
 - 1. Too much money raised – what do you do with the extra?
 - 2. Too little money raised – there is disappointment because the 'purpose' can not occur and what happens to the money that was raised.

7. Teachers Report (Melanie Gavan)

- a. For cross country – grade 8 girls came in first, grade 8 boys came in second, grade 7 girls came in third, grade 7 boys came in fourth. The grade 6 teams were devastated by illness and only qualified one runner each for the board finals. At the board finals both grade 8 teams came in fourth and Robert Dysart (grade 8) won silver at both events. Coaches Jenny Norton, Glen Peacock and Terri Klassen are very pleased. And thank you to the parent volunteers who helped at the meets.
- b. The grade 6 girl's soccer team came in first and the grade 6 boy's soccer team came in third.
- c. The girl's touch football won the regional; the boys did not place.
- d. The library was given a grant of \$3000 and new books have been bought
- e. The smoothies went well
- f. There has been a gumball guess fundraiser for a third world village
- g. The Directors Cut Video went well
- h. The NAC trip will be a dress up day
- i. Mrs. Hillsdon and the student council will be coordinating popcorn days and are asking for parent volunteers (parent Kim Koa was thinking of this as a council fundraiser so she will be contacted)
- j. A kindness/empathy presentation with (lady) and her dog will happen in November
- k. QSP has started
- l. There will be no Halloween dance due to the gym floor. The teachers are planning other activities in the classrooms.
- m. Diagnostic testing in reading and writing is ongoing
- n. All students have been put into houses with points being awarded to each house for a variety of reasons. The tally for each house