

Parent Advisory Council Minutes
Sept 29th 2009

In Attendance: Sherry Storrey, Mike McLean, Ms. Troup, Kiera Newman, Rob Schottlander, Tanya Pearson, Paula Riele, Koby Vanyo, Lori Mc Kenna, Kathryn Smith, Denise Ziegler, Katie Rawson, Joscelene Perry, Jenn Hopwood Daniels, Tara Gustyn, Patti Maartense, Wayne Dick, Janice McKenna, Kathy Brophy, Kim Beaudette, Kristi-Anna Beaudry, Mim Braithwaite, Karen Misek, Cheryl Enns

Introductions and Welcome to All in attendance...Thank-you to previous year executive Patti, Tara and Koby for an excellent job over the past few years

Chairs Report

Meetings to be 1hr or less...Keira to keep meeting on track if group or discussion starts to get sidetracked

Balance in Account 3423.00 with 1000.00 owing in playground repairs

Review of past parent advisory council commitments with fundraising. (\$200 per class, \$500 Graduation, \$500 Snack Program, \$100 per teacher retirement gifts, @ \$600 for Hotdog/play day in spring, \$500 bussing for skating, Playground repairs @1000.00, \$50 death of family member of student)

Advisory council has been able to achieve these financial commitments through successful previous core fundraisers and the dedication of the leaders and volunteer parents (brief description for new parents)

Committee Leaders for Pumpkinville Janice McKenna,
Winter wonderland Cheryl Enns, Trivia Night Patti
Maartense

Principal's Report

EQAO Results Improvement across the board...Port Weller was Above Provincial and Board standards...very pleased with results...20% improvement in some areas. Some contributing factors; home reading program, changes that teachers have made, tutors in some classrooms. Ratings of Level 3 or 4 no level 2. Sherry was extremely happy with results.

Introduction of new Breakfast Program. To be held Mon-Fri 8:15-8:35am at Covenant church across the street. Program to launch 1st week of Oct. 2 staff members and Mrs. Decker volunteer from church to operate at this time. Notice to go home to parents. All are welcome to attend. Great community relationship with Covenant Church. 1 month trial to see what we will serve to accommodate # of students participating. Some indicators had

been show in our school population that this program could be beneficial. Applied for some funding from Breakfast for Learning. Also will be asking council to help support this program.

School Liaison Conference- Nov 4th Westlane Secondary School
Anyone interested in attending should let Sherry know, there will be 8 different workshops and a vendor fair. Sherry and Keira to talk about our new environmental classroom and the grant from TD Friends of the Environment

School Trip to see Silver Mist Production of Scrooge on Dec 14th for grades 1-8. Would like to use some local talent in choir and will be having 12-15 students included in production...auditions to be held. Tickets are \$25 each and Sherry would like to get the cost down to \$15 dollars per child. Sherry contacted Silver Mist and was able to fundraise thru the sale of Danny Z tickets...is looking for a commitment from council to support as well @ \$500
Playground Inspection- \$2400 in repairs quoted. Areas need pea gravel, wood chips, S hooks tightened, repairing 1st what was deemed unsafe ASAP

School Budget not in yet

Fundraising QSP magazine 40% profit...grades 7-8 special incentive 20% to go to their year end trip to help offset their costs...generally makes between 3-5 thousand

Parents Pride- Info sheets or brag sheets to be filled out by parents for Sherry to read on announcements about the great things that the children of the school are involved in....overwhelmingly approved by group in attendance

New level book room completed. Please come by and have a look.

Vice Principal's Report

Update on Library- Ministry has given \$2400 for new books for library...will be looking at some specific books for older boys to encourage reading as well as gaps in other areas

Education Foundation applied for grant for Breakfast Club for \$500

Literacy Evening for parents- more info to follow to be held Jan 25 thru Grant

Skating Program for school looking for support for bussing from advisory council as done in past to keep costs down for students (\$500)

Mr. McLean to demonstrate at next meeting the Smart board which is being used in some classrooms (7) and parent council has in the past donated \$ towards these great interactive learning boards. Port Weller would like to have one in every class that would like one.

Old Business

Tara concerned that issues have been raised in the past about the flooding that takes place around the swings. Sherry has asked in the past for the board to fix area. They added stone to create a walk way over the puddles but this is not the answer to the drainage issue. Sherry to contact grounds re: playground repairs in Primary area.

New Business

Sept Open House a success. Koby V headed up this year's open house with the addition of some bouncers and places to eat and talk with fellow parents and staff. 330 meals pre-ordered, water donated by H2 only, profit of \$375 was to help off set cost of inflatables of \$1500. Majority had heard and responded well to evening, kept the flow of people going not staying in classrooms to long as it is not a parent interview night. Koby made notes of event, comments and costs. Some suggestions made were more people to man bouncers as some children got a little carried away, perhaps magician or mad science to be more cost effective, or 1 less bouncer

Pumpkinville Oct 17th- Thanks to Janice McKenna for taking the leadership role in this successful fundraiser in its 16th year for Port Weller. Stressed importance of not giving this spot up as school would not be able to get this space back for the school. Cost for space \$100, profits from donated baked goods from parents, candy apples from Moyer's apple farm, Port Weller soccer team to donate tent. Janice to send letter home requesting donations, best sellers list and volunteer schedule. Last year profit \$1370 highest ever. Rob to get skids for ground.

Sunshine Person- Amanda Hill has offered to do this job again this year unable to make meeting. This post is for sending a card or best wishes or sympathy on behalf of Port Weller School. No objections

Environmental Report

No water bottles at this years open house worked well and saved money

Side garden to be thinned out and worked on

Description of exact contents that are able to go in green bins to be distributed

Lice Checks

Would like lice checks to be done once a month in each class by volunteers, sign up sheet passed around room. Procedure sheets available and training upon request

Winter Wonderland

Cheryl Enns requesting that someone shadow or partner with her this year on the leadership role for this event as she would like to be able to pass this event on next year. Sign up sheet for volunteers for days event and pre- planning sent around

Motions

Motions were brought forth and passed by majority to support funds requested if money is available thru fundraising efforts that have in the past brought forth success. Parent Advisory council has had a successful history with these core fundraisers and feels they can expect similar totals to support commitments

Motion brought forth for future support or initiative for long range focus for more Smart Boards for school

Next Meeting Tuesday Nov 24th