

School Council Meeting  
May 12, 2009  
Number in Attendance: 8

1. Agenda:
2. Review meeting minutes, changes submitted (By email), corrected, and accepted.
3. Guest at the meeting, S. Singh wanted to collect information on the transition from kindergarten to FI grade one. We offered her creative ideas to assist on learning French, library tapes and books to read and follow along, watch favourite video but with the French audio.
4. Guests at the meeting, social worker P. Currier, and a student of his, T. Parker. Discussion was presented regarding the camp that he sends the children in need to. He does evaluations throughout the year and is sure that “social skills immersion” assists the campers. Last year he requested \$1,500.00 but was only given \$750.00, due to the desire to keep the budget for the play area high. This year we did give the \$1,500.00 to facilitate the sending of more campers. Mr. Currier gave us articles written about the camp. They are available in the principal's office.
5. Report on the playground. We need to get an engineer to sign off on the construction of the play apparatus. Ms. Anderson is going to call John Clarkson and see if we can get the apparatus in for the June 19<sup>th</sup> play day at school.
6. Funding requests:
  - a. \$100.00 for grad refreshments, voted and agreed to spend the money.
  - b. \$10.00 for Tribe awards for each class to be presented by council to the person chosen by each class. Voted and agreed to spend the money, B. Monk to pick-up the awards and present at awards day, June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Discussion was brought up regarding the present vice grant \$500.00 to be spend for refreshments for the presentation of the playground apparatus.
  - d. No other financial report was given.
7. Principal's report:
  - a. We are down to a half-time Vice principal for September '09 as of the “snap shot” used by the board was taken with the school at 25.8 teachers, .2 of a teacher short for having a full-time V.P.
    - i. Kindergarten: 2 classes,
    - ii. Grade one: FI – 4, E – 1 (Because of enrolment the number of teachers could go up by one, thus putting us over the teacher count, see above)
    - iii. Grade two: FI – 3, E – 1 , FI split – 1 (grade 2-3)
    - iv. Grade three: FI – 2, E – 1
    - v. Grade four: FI – 2, E – 1
    - vi. Grade five: FI – 2, E – 1.
  - b. Swim to Survive has been expanded to include grade 3. It is felt that swimming is a life skill worth learning. Grade 4 & 5 are in lessons at present and the grade 3 will follow later in June.
  - c. Ms. Anderson has been invited to a meeting with Earnscliffe and Balmoral Recreation Centres to find out what the school is looking for and introduce what they the recreation centres have to offer.
  - d. The calender is full of activities, like Earnscliffe school coming for an information day at school and the grade 5's going to the school. Grad picture Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> time change from 9 a.m., to 10:45 a.m. Parent information night is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the grade 5 students attending Earnscliffe.
  - e. The P.A. Day had the teachers learning about the “Teaching & Learning Critical Pathway”, in regards to making connections, inferring, problem solving and reading. D. Coggon created graphs to show the results from the pre & post tests.

f. V.P. For a day was won by a grade 4 student, due to scheduling conflicts her day will be fulfilled in June.

8. Teachers report: no teacher was present at the meeting.

9. Final council meeting for the school term will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. B. Botham will be stepping down as chairman of the council.

Minutes recorded by K. Shields for C. Rowe.