

School Council Meeting
April 14, 2009
Number in Attendance: 13

1. Agenda

No change

2. Review prior meeting minutes (Feb 10th, 2009)

Order for Spacenet was initiated March 13th, 2009 by Laurie Nelson.
Change on Item 2 under Principal's report that there are 12 more PD days for teachers to use by the end of April
Peel Family Literacy program was started at Folkstone on March 26th.
Varsity Volleyball update – Boys in 2nd place and Girls in 1st place.

Minutes passed.

Minutes updated with corrections and sent to Ms. Honsberger for uploading onto School web site

3. Financial Update

a. Treasurer's Report

We have \$41,000 in the school council account but we haven't paid for the Spacenet yet.

Question: Do we have a final price on the Spacenet?

Answer: The last quote was \$29,220.95 for everything. \$22,000.00 is for the Spacenet itself. We will have mulch around the Spacenet. We should try to have it done for the end of school.

We made \$5,000.00 on the Dance-a-thon and were very happy with the DJ service.

b. Funding Requests

Chris Honsberger - \$150.00 for Binding tape on new books – Approved
Peter Currier is asking for \$1,500.00 for kids to go to camp (day and overnight) again this year. We gave \$750.00 last year. – Approved for \$1,500.00 – Doug Coggan to deal with.

4. Chair's Report

N/A

5. Principal's Report

Peel Health is running a "Turn off the Screens" event from May 4th-10th to promote literacy and physical activity. There are to be prizes involved and will be done at Folkstone.

Events happening at Folkstone:

Willie Wonka play (Grades 4 and 5) and Grade 3 concert – April 22

Talwar and Malik's classes are the winners of the Golden Shoe award (contest to keep hallways tidy) and receive a pizza lunch at East Side Mario's on April 27th

Chess Club Competition – April 7th

Jump Rope – travelling demonstration team to encourage Jump Rope for Heart

Cross Country meet – Grades 3, 4, and 5 on May 5th

Grade 3, 4, and 5 swimming – 6 lessons in May and June

Grade 3 Swim to Survive – 3 of 6 lessons paid by the Royal Life Saving Society

French Immersion Info Night (SK's now) – April 30th at 7:00 pm – note is being sent out to feeder schools about this event.

EQAO info night for parents of Grade 3 students – May 7th at 7:00 pm

Awards and recognition certificates in June. Folkstone is planning a huge ceremony. Parents of children that get an award will be pre-notified.

OFIP – Teaching and Learning Critical Pathway pre-test – explicit instruction (inferring and making connections) post-test – teacher moderation – significant improvement in date (more level 3's and 4's)

Canadian Parents for French meeting (and book fair) on April 21st at 7:00pm at Professor's Lake Recreation Centre.

51 students are already registered for Grade 1 French Immersion next year. Teachers in Peel have a tentative agreement with the Board and will vote next Wednesday. After the agreement is signed, Folkstone can go ahead with staffing for next year.

Holding a Vice-principal for the day contest.

Folkstone Clothing line – T-shirts and Baseball caps. School is selling the caps at cost. School is working on different clothing for next year and trying to keep the cost down as much as possible.

Discussion Item:

Breakfast for Kid's program – using a “drive through model”

Question – How many volunteers needed?

Answer – There could be enough money to hire someone and/or use student volunteers.

Question – Cost?

Answer – Breakfast for Kids program gives money so schools don't have to pay. It's sponsored by companies (anonymously?) to a certain extent and the cost is very low in general.

Breakfast would be eaten in class during morning announcements.

Cara Epp would be open to head this program/initiative.

Concern – Is there time to eat during announcements?

Action – Support program in principal.

Parents Voice in Education Fund - \$500.00 needs to be spent ASAP. Last year we bought the BBQ's. Suggestion is to buy hamburger meat and cake for a party to celebrate the spacenet.

Unanimously accepted.

Thank you to Joanne Hopkinson and Jelly Beanz Play Place for their work at the Dance-a-thon.

Question: Should we give something special to say Thank You (Award of Distinction for example) for Joanne's work?

Answer: We would want to know what we would be giving before we said yes. What about the other regular volunteers?

6. Teacher's Report

Teachers are pleased that we have a tentative agreement with the Board. Vote is next Wednesday.

7. New Business

Loisirs au Soleil (Fun in the sun) camp is running this year From July 6th to mid-August. You have to have 1 year of French Immersion to go.

www.loisirsausoleil.com (under construction)

Parental Concern

What is the curriculum?

Subject / what language / time frame / % of subject

Should we start a simple program that gives the information at the beginning of the year of what's to be covered? i.e. like the calendar's provided in the younger grades. Is there a need for more detailed info of what's to be covered?

Addition notes from Principal Anderson and Vice-Principal Coggon:

"Nikki Golzadeth's query had been raised previously at council, and was discussed personally with Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Coggon indicated that all teachers at Folkstone are receptive to discussions about curriculum content, timing, and delivery, and that if parents have specific questions they should contact their child's teacher(s). He further indicated that Nikki's request, as presented to council, would not be feasible for teachers to provide, or for school administration to mandate."

Next meeting on May 12th, 2009.