

School Council Meeting
February 10, 2009
Number in Attendance: 11

1. Agenda
Add Peel TV.

2. Review prior meeting minutes
 - Item 3) Change the word Geodome to Spacenet
 - Item 1) re: attendees names on the council minutes published to the Folkstone website. Consent is needed from attendees to post names on the web site.
 - ACTION: Put the number of attendees instead of names. Email out has names (1st initial and last name) but the web site does not have names.

 - Snow was removed around the Kiss and Ride and bus area.

 - Minutes passed.

3. Peel TV
Peel TV is on the Peel School Board's site. Teachers control this section and put in clips i.e. Discovery Channel shows. It is for use in school only and is password protected. The goal of the Board is to have a LCD projector in every classroom. Earnscliffe already has this in place (pilot school).

4. Financial Update
 - a. Treasurer's Report
We have \$34,000 in the school council account.
We still have to go see the neighbours with approval letters before we can move forward with the Spacenet.
Order initiated March 13th, 2009 by Laurie Nelson.

 - b. Funding Requests N/A

5. Chair's Report
N/A

6. Principal's Report
Ministry has the Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP) which provides:
 - 1) Student tutoring after school. This is teacher recommended based on need and provides tutoring 1 day a week where literacy is the focus.
 - 2) 12 Professional Development days for teachers by the end or April.

Note from Christine: For more info on OFIP see:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/ofip.html>

Funding for Vice-Principal's – every student counts i.e. Folkstone has 432 students and has 1 full time VP whereas Goldcrest has 431 students and has a ½ time VP.

Our School Council did not get the Parents Reaching Out Grant this year. Therefore we will not be running the French course.

Parent Literacy conference is being held on April 4th at Sandlewood Heights SS. This conference provides free workshops in various languages.

Peel Family Literacy program being started at Folkstone on March 26th. A study is being done with regards to family literacy impact with French Immersion vs. English students.

Events happening at Folkstone:

- Willie Wonka play
- Chess Club
- Skiing/Snowboarding/tubing(cancelled)
- Scooter Soccer
- Varsity Volleyball – Boys 2nd place, Girls 1st place
- Staff Volleyball

The school enjoyed the Songs of India last Friday that the student activity fund paid for. Also Interactive Story Telling combining Black History and American Idol.

7. Teacher's Report
N/A

8. New Business

Question: How do we handle flyers (music lessons, etc).

Answer: The School handles them by posting the on the Parent Board. But the school does NOT endorse them and will not send out to parents.

Behavioral TA started last week.

Teachers will know by February 20th what they will be tentatively teaching next year.

Next meeting on April 14th, 2009 (Error in March newsletter will be corrected for April Letter)