

**School Council Meeting  
November 11, 2008**

**1. Agenda**

**Add Great Start as item 12.**

**2. Review prior meeting minutes**

**Found the correction for the error in last month's treasurer's report.  
\$1,047 marked as Milk is actually BBQ money.  
Minutes passed.**

**3. PETL – Close the Gap video and survey – J. Wilson**

**Video about elementary school funding gap. Each student in Ontario is currently receiving \$711 less than Ontario high school students.  
The Provincial government has presented the elementary school teachers with a framework for one contract for all boards.**

**4. Early Development Instrument Profile – K. Anderson**

**The EDI profile looks at 5 major areas of development for pre-grade 1 children. Profile was done in 2004 and 2007. Looks at physical health, well-being, gross motor skills, and social and helping behaviours.  
Folkstone was low in all these areas. We were very low in advanced literacy skills.  
Folkstone send home a Welcome to Kindergarten package this year with crayons, scissors, play-doh, etc. Folkstone also had 2 evenings for the parents to meet with the Kindergarten teachers.**

**5. Playground structure – B. Botham**

**Bob met with Laurie Nelson. Laurie is still trying to get in contact with the playground people. We are in contact with the Board to get the rules for putting in the playground.**

**6. Parent complaint re: special lunches– K. Anderson**

**A parent had a concern about the fundraising lunches that Folkstone has. Thinks that the prices are too high i.e. Bagel lunch is cheaper to make at home.**

**We need to make it clear that the lunch is optional and is a fundraiser for school council. The pizza company is providing the food at cost.**

**ACTION: Modify the Pizza/Sub/Bagel letter to make it clear that this is an optional fundraising item.**

**Question: Why can't the milk program be changed to the morning nutrition break on special lunch days?**

**ACTION: Kathy Anderson to check why.**

**ACTION: Put fundraising by school council in student agendas for next year.**

**Put school council information on school web site.**

**Send out a letter to the school community with school fundraising information – Christine Rowe, Bob Botham and Doug Coggan to work on.**

**7. Financial Update**

**a) Treasurer's Report**

**BBQ covers are paid for. Performance cheques (see October minutes) have been paid.**

**b) Funding requests**

**Mrs. Stewart asks for \$473.41 (taxes included) for the music and rights to Willy Wonka for the spring concert for Grades 4's and 5's.  
\$500.00 Approved.**

**8. Chair's Report**

**N/A**

**9. Principal's Report**

**Remembrance Day assembly was great.**

**Premiers Outstanding Teaching Award nominations is due January 31, 2009.**

**Unicef sent a package to the school – children don't collect money anymore.**

**ACTION: Doug Coggan is in charge of putting meeting minutes on web site.**

**10. Teacher's Report**

**See item #3**

**11. New business**

**N/A**

**12. Great Start Conference – J. Wilson**

**Workshop for school council members.**

**Tips for the school council – communicate with parents with short messages and repeat often.**

**Next meeting on January 13, 2009**

**Those present at the meeting:**

**B. Monk**

**B. Botham**

**K. Shields**

**K. Anderson**  
**D. Moser**  
**A. Senior**  
**D. Hope**  
**J. Wilson**  
**D. Coggon**  
**C. Epp**  
**J. Moody**  
**W. Cinkwem**  
**C. Rowe**

**Meeting minutes prepared by Christine Rowe.**