

Glynn A. Green

School Advisory Council Minutes

September 29, 2009

Attendance - Sandy Giancarlo (Principal), Jennifer Currie (Visce Principal, Mary Lou Perri Tornabuono (teacher), Stuart Macpherson (teacher), JoAnne Caldwell, Jim Turpel, Bonnie Cramp, Cathy Froese, Cheryl Taylor, Sheridan Houghten, Katy Booth, Theresa Quesnelle, Marey Martin, Gary Stickles, Bob Higenell, Catrina Bachur

Nominations

Members

12 Names were submitted for committee member nomination which is the maximum number of Parent/guardian members currently allowed.

JoAnne Caldwell, Jim Turpel, Bonnie Cramp, Dianna Dudzik, Cathy Froese, Bob Higenell, Catrina Bachur, Cheryl Taylor, Gary Stickles, Katy Booth, Marey Martin, Sheridan Houghten - all members for the 2009-2010 school year.

We will continue to look for 2 community representatives.

Chair

JoAnne Caldwell agreed to continue as Chair for one more year.

Jim Turpel agreed to continue as Vice Chair for this year.

Cheryl Taylor agreed to continue as Secretary for this year with Marey Martin as her backup.

Principal's Report

1. Open house barbeque held on September 23rd was a huge success. It was well received by the staff and parent community. Many thanks to all who helped organize and run the event. Special thanks to Ms Curry, JoAnne Caldwell, Gary Stickles, Jim Turpel, and Dianna Dudzik .
2. Staffing changes - A review of our enrolment numbers at the beginning of the school year revealed an overstaffing of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a teacher. After discussions between the board and school

administration it was agreed that the actual overstaffing was $\frac{1}{4}$ of a teacher. As a result Miss Beach chose to accept a position at another school to keep her full time status. Miss Beach is being replaced with Tara Woods who was working as a $\frac{3}{4}$ time literacy teacher at Burleigh Hill Elementary School. The remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ teaching time will be filled by Miss Curry.

3. New Secretary Staff - For the past few years we have had one full time secretary and a half time temporary secretary. It was decided by the board that the half time temporary position should now be a permanent position. The position was posted and we are pleased to welcome Cathy Bisson who was formerly a secretary at E. L. Crossley.
4. Curriculum - Board and school focus is on Reading for Meaning. The next school PA Day, teachers will be review the EQAO results to determine what areas they should focus on for this school year. EQAO results should be to parents by next week.

SAC Committee Meeting Norms:

Meeting times 6:30pm to 8:00 pm

Minutes are to be read prior to the meeting - no revisiting of previously discussed items.

Meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month.

Traffic Calming Update:

JoAnne Caldwell and Sheridain Houghten met with the Mayor Dave Augustyn to discuss the traffic calming issues. At this point the town does not have any plans ready for sidewalks on Pelham St. They were hoping to have something ready in the next 3-5 years. On a positive note, the town has decided to move ahead plans to install a stop light at the corner of Pelham and Port Robinson. Estimated time of completion is January 2010 at a cost of approx. \$208,000.

The issue of traffic calming on Pelham St. around Glynn A Green school is being discussed Monday October 5th at 7pm. JoAnne Caldwell will be presenting to the town council, the results of our survey including individual comments. Families are encouraged to come to the meeting to show support.

School Fundraising - Focus in on raising funds for new technology for the classrooms. In particular, the school is looking to purchase mini laptops.

Walk -a- thon - Mr. Macpherson has agreed to organize a walk-a-thon to be held in October. In the past GAG has raised \$12,000 from this type of an event. A walk-a-thon is straight forward, easy to run, promotes the school in the community and promotes healthy activity. Tentative date for the event is October 15th with a rain date of October 16th. On the event day, school will end at 1 O'clock. There will be three different routes designed to accommodate the different age groups (K - 3, 4-6, 7-8). The walk will take approximately 1 hour and will be followed by a barbeque (hotdogs and drinks). Mr. Macpherson will be using this event as a teaching tool for his classroom. His students will be collecting money, charting the progress, and learning data management techniques. There will be division class prizes, and incentive prizes for students.

SAC is looking for other fund raising ideas beyond Fun Fair (or Corporate sponsors to help pay for the Bouncers). Possible ideas that were mentioned were Poinsettias, garbage bags, parent events (trivia night, golf tournament), greeting cards, dance-a-thon. Further discussion on this matter will take place at the next SAC meeting.

Balanced School Day Survey - A balanced day survey to parents, staff and students was to have been sent out at the end of last year. While the survey was ready it was not distributed. The survey will be distributed in October.

Maximizing outside time during fitness and nutrition breaks - Question was raised why students have to stay inside even if they are finished eating. The nutrition break time is designed to encourage healthy eating and to ensure students have enough time to eat. Results from the Balanced School Day Survey may shed light on any issues around this concern.

Delivery Trucks pulling into playground - Concern was raised regarding delivery trucks entering the playground area while children are outside playing. This situation should be resolved and will not happen again.

Digital Picture - A suggestion was made that the school purchase a digital picture frame to be displayed near the office. This picture frame would display/promote school activities/events in an effort to promote school pride and to help keep students and parents informed. After further discussion it was suggested that perhaps a LCD display would be better. We will look into the cost and will discuss this at the next meeting.

H1N1 - There is a hand washing program from the DSNB for students re: proper hand washing. Custodial staff need to be diligent in wiping down light switches/ door knobs etc. It is also a question to bring in the Public Health Nurse to ensure that we are doing what needs to be done to keep the children healthy.

Items to bring forward

1. Traffic Calming issue update
2. Fund raising
3. Digital Picture Frame/ LCD display

Next meeting will be November 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the school library. All welcome to attend.