

## Runnymede Public School Council - Minutes 17 October 2006

1. Meeting opened with a presentation by two photographers – Lifetouch (which bought Jostens in June 06) and Glenn Mackay; will go in next newsletter, put their websites on our website and make a decision at next meeting in November or January. Timeline of 3 to 4 days with Glenn may be an issue. Will have to discuss with Administration.
2. Present: Ane Markee, Anne Lakoff, Andrea MacPherson, Rosanna Sardella, Nadine Singh, Karen Hanna, Catherine, Robin Christian, Gary Karasiuk, Basia Stec Atherton, Jerry Thiessen, Dianne Roberti, Ela Sawistowska

Regrets: Manon Gardner

Welcome; additions to Agenda:

Proposal Sandra Martins grade 6 Mike Ford – Moxy Fruvous...come in to present - \$495

Request for funding to peacemakers \$500

- 3 Minutes from September 19 2006

Motion to approve minutes Ela, Nadine seconded passed

No correspondence; people for education survey – scan it on to website.

4. Administration Report:

VP Andrea McPherson reported that the senior school kicked off student parliament election process – pm, deputy, environment, finance, etc. speeches will be next week, vote on 26<sup>th</sup> October, election will be announced 27<sup>th</sup> October

October 11 Carleton Village PS hosted Transition Night for grade 8 to grade 9; secondary schools there too. Grade 8s are starting the process of thinking about high school choices. November 28 Western Tech, Dec 5 HumberSide., are the dates for student visits. If child is interested in UFA or ESA, he/she should talk to Ms Lanis who will organize a student visit.

VP Rosanna Sardella reported the first recognition assembly on the theme of being respectful. Each teacher picked a student who is respectful, photo award. Next one in Nov is cooperation.

Tomorrow is Canadian Parents for French..Mr Kight, Mme Kling, Mme Nitsis are presenting workshops. There will be a book fair also. Doors open at 6pm. The speaker will begin at 7 pm speakers; workshops from 8 to 8:30, then 8:30 to 9pm.

5. Treasurer Report – 2006-07 Council Budget

Goal for budget is to follow what we set last year; except that last year we wanted to reduce our pile of money so we have scaled back a bit. We will eat into our surplus by \$5000 (we still have \$10,000).

Big change on income is \$10,000 – we had a motion to do a dance-a-thon. No plans to fundraise by the yard – no plant sale. Income \$32,500.

Expense: bulk of discretionary funds into enrichment and extraordinary.

Discussion of tracking who spends money for the TRF; Dori Hawkinson wants to ensure that all teachers spend their money. Review this in February to see if money can be distributed to others; can share across grade and division or put into enrichment.

Question re extracurricular support...almost all buses.

Proposed: Gary  
Seconded: Basia  
Passed

6. Committee Reports

- a. Spirit Colleen Younder  
Welcome Folder- 1<sup>st</sup> time the school did that.  
Like to do that again.

Magazine drive – finished, it pulled in only \$7000 in net (may not include online figures)

Pizza Day – don't know final tally yet.

Gift wrap is under way.

Chapters night Dec 6 – 20% of purchases will come back to Runnymede in the form of Chapters' Gift Cards

Dance-a-thon is set for February 8, 2007

Anne wanted to know if students could do a poetry reading at Chapters on that night. Also maybe some music students could play. Elaine McLeod will be contacted.

b. Yard - Hilary Inwood

Big thank you to all who turned up for Yard Day on Saturday 14 October. Plan- consolidate hillside garden, improve the area for teachers and increasing curriculum support related to garden, signage for hillside garden, art gardens in front of the school tied to curriculum.

Next yard day in April – date TBA.

Erosion in hillside garden, improve medicine garden, improve butterfly garden

Mary suggested putting together a little map so parents would know how to locate different part of the garden.

7. Ward 7 report

Basia reported on the most recent meeting of the Ward 7 Education Council. She informed us that Andrea Porter would remain Ward 7 Chair; Catherine Marjoribanks, Richard McMullin are PIAC reps.

Discussion for polling stations; do you get paid for provincial elections – Irene says no, Sarah Doucette says yes. There are security issues

FSL CLG rep Mary Cruden wants an alternate. If anyone is interested they can contact her through Basia.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) rep is Wade Howell.

French Issues: lotteries, waiting lists, core French at Grade 1

Budget issues; many items are not funded  
Funding formula problem.

Irene personally is liable for budget deficit. Council will write to support Irene.

Motion by Kathy  
Proposed: Robin  
Seconded: Jerry  
Passed

8. Smart board presentation had technical difficulty and was postponed.
9. Sandra Martins sent in a request for funding for Mike Ford \$495 (the great Canadian songbook) 2 shows for all the grade 6's.  
Proposed: Ela  
Seconded: Anne  
Passed

Peacemakers proposal - junior students 4, 5, and 6 at recess in Adventure yard. Special training in conflict resolution skills. \$500 to support the program. Students chosen by teachers, but must be voluntary.

Proposed: Robin  
Seconded: Anne  
Passed

Adjourned at 9 pm  
Proposed Dianne  
Seconded Karen  
Passed