

Captain R Wilson P S
School Council Meeting Minutes
February, 5 2007

Present:

Kathy Morin, Kim Rideout, Kathryn Fish, Pat Barr, Gurdeep Lall, Katherine Longhurst, Rose Cox, Maria Folino, Carlene Quildon

Regrets: Terry Howie, Gord Brennan, Yamini Patel

Welcome & Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Pat Barr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Report from the Chair:

As the Chair and Co-Chair were not in attendance, Pat Barr reported that Family Wellness night will take place at Westoak Public School on February 13 from 6-8 pm.

Principal's Report:

Pat Barr reported that as part of the initiative to increase parental involvement, Dr Colin Sturdy will be holding a series of workshops at several schools, including Captain R. Wilson. The date is to be determined.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program run by the Halton Regional Police department has requested a donation of \$500, which was approved by the Council.

The Food for Thought snack program has received \$1,500 from the Halton Learning Foundation.

Pat Barr was proud to report that Rochelle Daigle has been nominated for the Premier's Award for Excellence. The School Council wishes her the best of luck.

The projected student enrolment for the 2007-2008 year will increase from 740 to 797 students. As there is a new limit of 20 students per class for the primary grades, this will necessitate an increased amount of classes and portables.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Morin reported that the total profit for the magazine fundraiser was \$3,354.60. The Council agreed to move 20% of the current balance into the long term savings account.

Fundraising Update Report:

Kim Rideout reported that the deadline for dance-a-thon packages is Monday, and volunteers are required to assist.

The spring Fun Fair is the next major fundraiser. Kim Rideout will be organizing a subcommittee of volunteers to organize this event. The date is yet to be confirmed. It was suggested the letter sent to parents of newly-enrolled students in June include information about the Fun Fair.

New Business:

Katherine Longhurst discussed an initiative to distribute food baskets to needy families for the upcoming Easter holiday. The Council agreed that this is a worthwhile cause and will take it under consideration.

Maria Folino reported on the status of the Food for Thought fundraising program. There was a 20% response rate resulting from the initial request for funds and a second request will be made. A request for \$2,000 was made to the Council. The Council decided to vote on this request after receiving the results of the current fundraising campaign.

Katherine Longhurst presented the "Lunch Lady" hot meal package to the Council. This program involves the distribution of a complete hot lunch to students once a week at the cost of approximately \$3 per meal. A portion of the company's profits will benefit the school. Ms Longhurst will coordinate with the company to provide a "sample" lunch to the class that raises the most funds at the dance-a-thon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 5th, 2007 at 7:00 pm.