

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 2014 ❖7:00 p.m.

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MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Sheet was distributed for sign in.

AGENDA: Motion to accept agenda made by Cindy Mitchell and seconded by Jamie de l'Eveille.

Tips for Effective School Councils - Presented by: Principals/School Council Chairs

Christa De Turris - SAC Chair / Cathy Cincurak – Principal – D.M. Eagle

- See attached Power Point Presentation

Amanda Dibbs – Principal / Wayne Samwell –SAC Chair - A.V. Graham

- Participated in PARC
- Have Transition days for students / parents
- SAC participates in all aspects of the school including: Fundraising, Academics, Sports, Environment and Arts
- Completely organizes graduation (over 900 guests)
- Community Days (find more info in the brochure attached)
- From Mrs. Dibbs - Community Days are held twice a year at the school. We choose one day in December and another in May (usually a Friday). The staff and community volunteers let us know which activity they wish to present and we develop the brochure. The brochure is sent home two weeks ahead of time. It requires a parental signature and the students are asked to select their top three choices. Most of the time we are able to honour one of those choices. They only participate in one activity on the day and it is for a 100 minute block. We have learned that it is best to ask staff to return the completed brochures in their attendance folders for fairness. This is a highly competitive group and they try and outfox each other - ha ha (for example: sometimes a teacher will send the student down with brochures and have them linger in the hallway during announcements so that they can get their selections in first!)

We take the brochures on a first come, first served basis. The VP's office is plastered with chart paper sign-up sheets and as the leaflets are returned, we print the students' names and classes under each heading. Only the VP, CYW and myself complete the large charts, for fairness. Most of the events have a limited number of participants. After we have signed up the student, we put a check mark on the brochure. Each day we use a different coloured marker so that we can ensure that we are being fair. It's amazing, but sometimes we have complaints (from students and parents) that brochures were brought in early and the children missed out. This shows just how popular the events are!

We would be very happy to walk anyone through the process if they are interested. We

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are so lucky here that the staff and parents step up and volunteer and they really are fun and educational days for the whole school!

Laura Bates – Principal / Tara Geauvreau and Katrina Elchami

- Wordle to describe Effective School Council – relationship being the key, home, school, community, trust, respect, team work, students
- Parent Councils bridge parents and schools
- Focus on diversity
- School Carnival
- Build Community & Celebrate it
- Engagement is so important
- Having parents volunteering even without being on council

Dina Salinitri – Principal / Michelle Hedge – SAC Chair – Kingsville High School

- Great relationship
- Open & Honest Communication
- Open door policy
- Mutual Respect
- Transparency in communication with parents
- Sharing of School info – SIPSA, Emerg. Response Practices, any and all school activities
- Visibility and willingness to get involved – Parent/Teacher Interviews, Sporting Events, Annual Pathway Info Night
- Making parents welcome always
- Lots of Accountability
- Meetings are structured but less formal and more relaxed
- Refrain from “fundraising”
- Administration acknowledges the importance of parent involvement
- Invite Grade 8 parents to last meeting to welcome them to school council and help with transition
- Many events to help with Gr. 8 – 9 transition

Chris Mill – Principal / Gail Henderson – SAC Chair / MJ Monreau – Vice Chair – Glenwood

- Please find attached their power point presentation

Sending a Message – Keeping Communication Consistent (Social and Traditional Media)

- Please find attached the Power Point presented by Mr. Scott Scantlebury

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Chair's Report – Katrina Elchami

- Fall Workshop – November 29th – Find Attached Flyer
- Pro-Grant \$18,000 awarded this year
- Will be attending the Ontario College of Teachers Conference / Parents for Education

Director's Report – Erin Kelly

Many things have and are happening in our Board

- Closure of schools
- Amalgamation of schools
- 55 Capital Projects
- Full FDK across the board
- Annual Terry Fox Run
- Meet the Teacher nights
- Oct 10th – World Egg Day
- ERCA - Nature in Education Lottery
- A lot of DPA happening outside during this beautiful weather
- Identity Day
- Walkerville Open House
- Pan Am Games mascot visiting – Porcupine
- Pink Day @ Massey
- Raise a Reader – great success with proceeds staying in our area
- Northwood – Int. Day of the Girl
- RECO International – OEYAP
- CIBC run for the Cure – won school team challenge award

Motion to adjourn: made by Cindy Mitchell and seconded by Gene Myers