TECUMSEH VISTA ACADEMY
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

Regrets: Heidi Hotz-Nourse, Sean Moor, Gloria Rey, Chris Ann Lafontaine, Concetta Di Cesare, Jennifer Lira, Carrie Stephens

In Attendance: Maria Theresa McCann, Teri Zanganeh, Gary Wuerch, Jody Burgon, Dina Salinitri, Peter Spanis, Alana Rourke-Beemer, Graciella Stokes, Dubranka Zutic, Diana Fratarcangeli, Samar Jasmin, Jennifer Strong, Kara Gruevski, Celeste Kurcz, Officer Karen Sinnaeve, Tanis Jaques, Jennifer Cote, Grade 8 students: Dina, Payton and Nick.

CALL TO ORDER 6:39pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Peter approved, Teri seconded

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)-ELEMENTARY- NICK, PAYTON, DINA
  • Soccer just finished.
  • Math council for students had a meeting today.
  • Volleyball tryouts have started, as well as robotics club, rock squad-lunch club.
  • Magazine fundraiser information has gone home.
  • Pink day was Thursday October 12th.
  • Spirit day assembly is coming up, as well as the dress up for Halloween.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-SECONDARY- no student chosen yet

FINANCIAL REPORT – TERI presented on behalf of Heidi
  • Not a lot has changed.
  • Dina is researching how to give back the pro grant that was not used in the 2016/2017 academic school year.
  • Secondary fundraising hasn’t changed.
  • Heidi investigating discrepancy.

ELEMENTARY REPORT - GARY WUERCH
  • September 21st. Meet the Teacher Night. It was very well attended; halls and classrooms were packed. Trustee was happy.
  • EQAO result. Mr. Wuerch shared the results of the testing for the gr. 3 and gr. 6. The results will be coming home with the students. If parents have questions, there is a more detailed information on how each student did in the office. Patterns and trends will be shared with staff on PD day in November to brainstorm ideas for improvement.
  • November 16th, there are Parent Teacher Interviews. On the 16th there will also be literacy night and cookie dough pick up.
  • The Book Fair goes on for 3 days and many volunteers are needed.
  • Kiss and Ride area has become problematic with cars parking in wrong places and slowing down the flow of traffic. As well, some parents are treating staff not so nicely. Peter suggested to repaint arrows and make the two lanes go in the same direction.

SECONDARY REPORT – DINA SALINITRI
  • October 5th there was a grade 9 parent information evening on what is needed to be successful in post secondary studies. It was a great evening. It is hoped that this will become a yearly event. Better promotion needs to be done for next year. Ryan Flannagan from the University of Windsor, Mr. Biggley, and Dr. Saunders who is a local psychologist, were among the speakers for the evening. They spoke about stresses on the students and, what parents can do to alleviate the challenges that students face today in their 21st century learning journeys.
• Recap of October 12. Pink day-raised close to $25,000. Great success and overall great event. AV Graham grade 8’s attended the events, which is an opportunity to introduce the students to the high school.
• OSSLT- grade 10: 96%, & EQAO results in grade 9 math was 88%.
• October 18: parent teacher interviews, 4-7pm in the school gym. Robotics will have a bake sale for field trips and competition. Last year SAC did coffee, but it was not successful because of urns not working. It would be nice to have a SAC presence but not enough time to organize a table.
• Vista won WECSSA Tennis title. Will be competing in SWOSSA tomorrow.
• Some of the other upcoming events are: Grade 9 trip to Point Pelee, CPR training, Student leadership conference at Ciociaro club on November 10th, and Numeracy and literacy.

Elementary Teacher Representative – Graciella Stokes
Some of the financial requests that will be coming forward during the year are:
• grade 1, field trip to the Art Gallery of Windsor
• Lego robotics
• Mindforce
• Chess competition at Ciociaro Club
• Music – WSO and scores
• Library-Forest of Reading Cross Canada Canadian Literature $1,000
• GAINS-class transport to access the community
• K classes

Costs for the above requests will be presented in future meetings.

Secondary Teacher Representative
• Mrs. Simona Baggio has agreed to be the Teacher representative along with Ms. Pellarin.

Committees for 2017/2018 Academic Year-Maria & Teri
• In order, to make things run smoother and more organized, Maria and Teri would like to organize committees now, and determine objectives for each committee so that we can try to accomplish a lot of goals for the 2017/2018 academic year. Some of the committees suggested are:

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School Advisory Council profile

GECPIC - October 24th, Teri is going to attend. They have changed the election system for voting members. They have placed all the schools in Family of schools and each Family gets one representative.

Cookie Dough, October 18th-Heidi
• Delivery will be on November 16th. We will need lots of volunteers on that day for the cookie dough distribution as well as the literacy evening.

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE/ECO TEAM UPDATE – Heidi & Gary
• Cement is curing. Wednesday solar panel being attached. Plaque for Paul dedication being finished. Planting 3 trees that will bear fruit that were donated by ERCA.
• Questioning whether we want to continue to achieve an Eco school status as it takes a lot of paperwork. Naomi is going to hopefully get help from staff/Gary Wuerch to sustain our current gold status and go beyond.
• Aviva has been patient with us in not being able to follow their timeline due to the passing of our elementary principal, Paul Bisson. Almost all the $100,000 has been spent. Aviva will also be giving us $1,000 to use for marketing and a celebration of our project being completed.

NEW BUSINESS
$4/apron - Maria motioned for $200 to be spent on embroidering 50 aprons, Samar seconded. Everyone in favor. Maria is going to get couple more quotes. Samar mentioned getting Spirit wear for parents and grandparents that want to support the school.

ADJOURNMENT 8:15 pm. Samar motioned, and Diana seconded

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 27, 2017 Executive 6pm. Council 6:30pm