



Metcalfe Public School Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 2, 2010
Location: MPS Staff room
Start time: 6:30 pm
End time: 8:30 pm
Next Meeting Date: April 6, 2010, 6:30 pm, MPS staff room or library

Present

Jennifer Finniss - Co-Chair
 Val Leonard - Co-Chair
 Christine Lee - Secretary
 Howard Crerar - Treasurer
 Andrew Furlong - Website
 Charlotte Bradley - Website
 Kevin MacPherson – OCASC
 Heather Jeffery – Volunteer Coordinator
 Kerry Fonseca
 Jennifer Nutt - Principal
 Guido Ronci – Vice-Principal
 Karen Belanger – Staff Representative

Regrets

Cheryl Millard – Hot Lunches
 Kelly Mayo

Guests

Elizabeth McRae

Summary of Discussions	Action
1.Call to order & welcome Jenn F. called the meeting to order at 6:30.	
2.Approval of February minutes The minutes of the February meeting were approved with changes to attendance – Andrew was not present and Elizabeth Summerton was present.	
3.Principal's Report – Jennifer Nutt Staffing updates Aleks Mumdzijan gave birth to a healthy baby girl on Monday, February 22 nd - Dejana Jane Schoones is back to work full-time. Projected enrollment	

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<p>We received our projected enrollment from the Board which forecasted 312 students, slightly ahead of last year which was 301. We have 16 enrolled for MFI for next year (6 from Greely) 11 new JK registrations so far. Please talk up our school with neighbours and friends. We would be welcome to giving them tours and sharing our successes with potential parents. April 6th we will be given our staffing summary based on projected numbers.</p> <p>Early Learning Program I attended a meeting with representatives from the ministry on Feb 11th Although we did receive more information, I don't feel we have enough information to hold another info session for parents yet. Curriculum is expected shortly, base on what is already in place (play based). Fees are being worked out, as is hiring and co-ordination of staff.</p> <p>Dance-a-thon A huge thank you to all the council members who helped with the dance-a-thon, it was an overwhelming success. A special thank you to Elizabeth for taking on the lead role for this fundraiser. I know she put in a large amount of time and has made great notes for the person wishing to takeover for her next year.</p> <p>Report Cards/End of term Report cards will be going home on March 25th. As we do not have a Professional Activity day this year for interviews, please contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss your child's progress.</p> <p>School Improvement Plan We have also finished our first cycle of our School Improvement Plan. On March 11th we will be meeting with our School Effectiveness Team will look at the results from the end of term testing and will reset the focus for the last term based on the data gathered. I am pleased that many teachers have shared that they have noted significant progress with their students and feel the targeted instruction and high yield strategies are working in their classrooms.</p>	
<p>4. Vice-Principal's Report – Guido Ronci Transportation Bussing will be affected starting the first week of March because of reconstruction of a local storm sewer and roadworks on 8th Line Road and Lloyd Graham Avenue. Access through the construction zone on 8th Line will be maintained for local traffic and emergency vehicles only, on a single lane. Driveway access will not be possible at times. The City has taken into consideration school bus operations during the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up activities on 8th Line Road. They will try to minimize construction impact on the school buses during these key times. We have already let the City's Project Manager know that there are issues for the JK</p>	

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<p data-bbox="220 212 1192 342">pickup (10:30-10:40am) as well as the SK drop off (noon – 12:20pm). The City's Project Manager: Randy Dempsey, P.Eng., 613-580-2424 ext 14102 The City's on-site Construction Inspector: Mike McCaffrey, 613-229-7922</p> <p data-bbox="220 380 548 407">Enrichment Mini-Courses</p> <p data-bbox="220 415 1192 543">Final Numbers of Registered Students is 11 students (6 boys & 5 girls) from Grade 8; we had initially blocked 12 spaces, but no other student demonstrated any interest. All have been registered in a course they chose (5 U of O & 6 Carleton U).</p> <p data-bbox="220 581 740 609">Additional Support for Learning Services</p> <p data-bbox="220 617 1192 709">I leave the pleasure of announcing how much the Board has given us to Mrs Nutt, after all the teasing she got for the \$69,000 grant proposal. We have been awarded: \$12,000 to be used towards resources, smart boards, books and other necessities.</p> <p data-bbox="220 747 993 783">OFIP (Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership) – Two Parts</p> <p data-bbox="220 785 334 812">Part One:</p> <ul data-bbox="269 821 1094 1050" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="269 821 967 879">• Jan 11 start of Assistive Technology for Girls and Boys These will come to an end with the March Break <li data-bbox="269 888 1094 947">• Jan 18 start of Reading Groups for Grades 1-2 and for Junior Boys These will continue to the end of May 2010 <li data-bbox="269 955 894 1050">• After the March Break until the end of May 2010 Grade 3 EQAO tutoring Grade 6 EQAO tutoring <p data-bbox="220 1087 456 1115">Lockdown Drill #2</p> <p data-bbox="220 1123 1170 1215">The second Lockdown was held on Monday, February 8, 2010. Went quite well; we still have an issue with the room between the two French classes – be it for lockdown and for Fire Marshall.</p> <p data-bbox="220 1253 651 1281">IEPs (Individual Education Plans)</p> <p data-bbox="220 1289 1162 1417">Teachers are being reminded that with the end of Term 2 fast approaching, they should be looking to complete the IEPs for the 3rd term, with the objective of reaching the stated goal in each modified subject area. They will be going home after the second set of report cards, which are expected after the March Break.</p> <p data-bbox="220 1455 508 1482">Osgoode Township HS</p> <p data-bbox="220 1491 938 1518">Registrations for the OTHS were handed in on February 22nd.</p> <p data-bbox="220 1556 537 1583">High School Registration</p> <p data-bbox="220 1591 1175 1661">Ottawa Technical Learning Centre has already accepted a few students from our school into their very successful adaptive program. We wish them every success.</p> <p data-bbox="220 1698 347 1726">Yearbook</p> <p data-bbox="220 1734 716 1812">Great work is being done by Val Leonard. Anything to add Val ...</p>	

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<p>\$15 was a good price, but we should be made it \$18 or \$20. We need some money from council to finish up the yearbook. We will know the final number prior to the end of school, but the estimate is about \$300. Val is having some difficulties with the students not showing up to work on the yearbook. Casey has some photos for yearbook. The artwork did not get made to include into the yearbook so we will be using photos instead.</p> <p>Drop Date: MAY 2010</p> <p>Dance-a-thon Already addressed by Mrs. Nutt.</p> <p>Rideauwood Amanda did visit Grade 7s & 8s this past week. There were lots of really good questions from the students.</p> <p>Report cards – Second Term February is Report Card writing month</p> <p>Safe Schools Team</p> <table data-bbox="220 890 990 1213"> <tr> <td>Mrs Nutt, OTC</td> <td>(Principal)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Guido Ronci, OTC</td> <td>(Vice-Principal)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Megan Redmond-Friel, OTC</td> <td>(Teacher)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Crerar, Mr MacPhearson</td> <td>(Parent Council)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Leonard, Mrs Finnis</td> <td>(Parent Council)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>vacant</td> <td>(Students)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Duncan</td> <td>(Parent)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Johnston</td> <td>(Parent)</td> </tr> </table> <p>We met to discuss Bill 157 and the Board's Policy on Progressive Discipline. I was tasked to find examples of Reporting Forms and to help identify what the elements of various interventions could be as the student progresses from low intervention to more serious interventions.</p> <p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>Marilyn Carter passed away the first week of February 2010. We sent flowers.</p> <p>SmartBoard training offered to teachers on February 9. A very interesting tool.</p> <p>Part one of the Junior & Intermediate Winter Activities Day was Wednesday, February 24 and all went well. Part two will be on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.</p> <p>The Primary Winter Activity Day was a wet one! But the students enjoyed it and had good hot cocoa to help them dry off!</p>	Mrs Nutt, OTC	(Principal)	Mr Guido Ronci, OTC	(Vice-Principal)	Mrs Megan Redmond-Friel, OTC	(Teacher)	Mr Crerar, Mr MacPhearson	(Parent Council)	Mrs Leonard, Mrs Finnis	(Parent Council)	vacant	(Students)	Mrs Duncan	(Parent)	Mrs Johnston	(Parent)	
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<p>5. Teachers' Report – Karen Belanger</p> <p>It has been a very busy month.</p> <p>Globes</p> <p>Price for globes will come to approximately \$55 each for 3. One of the teachers will purchase.</p> <p>Volleyball</p> <p>The volleyball system has been ordered. The price came in much lower than expected at \$2277.91. A referee stand has been requested at approximately \$1000 (approved). Jennifer N. will look into our net and ball requirements. If any are needed, the money is there for those purchases.</p>	
<p>6. Safe Schools – Howard Crerar</p> <p>Howard gave a presentation outlining his concerns with the feasibility of implementation of Bill 157 within the school system especially in relation to bullying within the school.</p>	
<p>7. Dance-a-thon – Elizabeth McCrae</p> <p>The first Metcalfe Public School Dance-a-thon raised \$6283.59 with \$6187.51 coming in from the students, \$1215 donations from the community and \$1115.92 in expenses. Great job!</p> <p>Elizabeth gave a breakdown of how our numbers compare to other schools, and we stood up very well.</p> <p>Elizabeth has created a 'how to' document to help whoever will be coordinating the dance-a-thon next year. Christine Lee has a copy.</p> <p>The only outstanding issue is the few items donated by community sponsors (his & her watches, restaurant gift certificates, jersey) that were deemed inappropriate as door prizes. Elizabeth would like to hold an internal raffle to raise some more money. Council decided that, instead of requesting more money from students/parents on items that were donated specifically for the dance-a-thon, we draw winners for the remaining items from the original participants of the d-a-t. This should be done just prior to the March Break by either Jennifer F or Elizabeth.</p>	
<p>8. Fundraising</p> <p>Council decided to postpone the implementation of the Key to the City fundraising program proposed at last council meeting until next year.</p> <p>The date of the dance-a-thon for next year will need to be discussed to avoid overlapping sales of the Key to the City and sponsorship requests.</p>	
<p>9. OCASC – Kevin MacPherson</p> <p>OCASC is trying to improve parental involvement, looking at different programs to try to determine if they are working at engaging and/or helping parents.</p> <p>Trustee</p> <p>Our school trustees are very powerful in their ability to make funding decisions on behalf of our schools. Since there are going to be many more cuts within the budget, it would be a good idea to have a trustee that people know. Try to get the trustee more involved in local matters, possibly invite them to come out to the area</p>	

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<p>and speak.</p> <p>Information Kevin requests that council have a more prominent information board – the one that we currently use is not always seen. Possibly one that is on the wall of the office? If there is information that needs to be passed onto parents, contact Sarah Lafrance & Charlotte Bradley to place in the newsletter and webpage.</p> <p>Extracurricular fun At the last meeting Kevin heard of a program called Mathletes that is an intermediate, fun, hands on math event. There is a fee, which may be something that council may be able to help out on. There are six events. Castor Valley is involved.</p> <p>Jennifer N. mentioned that our intermediate students are involved in a stock market challenge.</p>	
<p>10. Other Business Chrisitne & Kevin mentioned the collapsing culvert at the back of the school. Jennifer N. will look into it.</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment of Meeting Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting to be held on April 6, 2010, 6:30pm, MPS staff room or library.</p>	