



Metcalf Public School Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 28, 2010
Location: MPS Library
Start time: 6:30 pm
End time: 7:55 pm
Next Meeting Date: October 7, 2010, 6:30 pm, MPS staff room or library

Present

Jennifer Finniss – Co-Chair (2009-2010)
 Val Leonard - Co-Chair (2009-2010)
 Christine Lee - Secretary (2009-2010)
 Howard Crerar - Treasurer (2009-2010)
 Andrew Furlong - Website (2009-2010)
 Kevin MacPherson – OCASC (2009-2010)
 Kelly Mayo
 Kerry Fonseca
 Audra Lacroix
 Diana Widdifield
 Jennifer Nutt - Principal
 Guido Ronci – Vice-Principal
 Barb Miller – Staff Representative

Regrets

Kim Sheldrick

Guests

none

Summary of Discussions	Action
<p>1. Call to order & welcome Jenn F. called the meeting to order at 6:30.</p>	
<p>2. Meet the Teacher Feedback – Jennifer Finniss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Overall we had positive feedback from the teachers. • Some of the teachers had handouts outlining their classroom structures and what parents can expect. It is requested that all teachers have this as it is very useful. •There were some comments from parents that there wasn't quite enough time for parents to get to multiple classes. •We should work with the surrounding schools to ensure there is no conflict with other introduction nights. This year OTHS had their meeting night on the same night. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is suggested that we start at 6:30 next year instead of 7. •People like the ability to walk around the school & check out the classrooms. 	
<p>3. Principal's Report – Jennifer Nutt</p> <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have already used quite a bit of our budget for supply teachers - we have two teachers off sick at the moment. The supply teacher budget is set at 8.7 days/teacher per year though each teacher is able to take 20 days per year. • We've spent \$2700 on textbooks. There is no money from the board specifically for textbooks. • It looks like the breakfast program will be going over budget. • Copying and printing is very costly (approximately \$8000) and we are working on decreasing that. • School council account – we would like the account to balance to maintain a zero balance. We use the account to allow the school to buy items paid for by council (the school gets the GST back). Currently there is a balance. This will be used to pay for the amount due for last year's yearbook shortfall. • Last year we charged a fee for students participating in Family Studies – we will not be doing that anymore. • The school budget is based on enrolment with some coming from our distance from city centre and a JK/SK allowance. <p>EQAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we had great results this year • Grade 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ reading 79% (board 65%, province 62%) ◦ writing 86% (board 71%, province 70%) ◦ math 82% (board 70%, province 71%) • Grade 6 – the class was not large enough for the numbers to be statistically valid so there are no results that can be released. <p>Extra Hands</p> <p>We have co-op students from OTHS helping in classrooms until January. We also have some newly graduated teachers that would like to remain current volunteering their time.</p> <p>OCRI</p> <p>Anyone who wishes to volunteer within the school who is not a parent must register with OCRI. OCRI ensures that police checks and references are done.</p> <p>Head Lice</p> <p>We have already had lice in the school (JK/SK class).</p> <p>Terry Fox</p> <p>The Terry Fox run will be on September 30th, 2010. Come out and take part.</p>	

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<p>Metcalfe Fair The primary and junior classes will be participating in field trips to the fair on October 1, 2010. Please ensure that is your child is not part of the field trip that they do not interfere with the students, teacher and volunteers who are on the field trip.</p>	
<p>4. Vice-Principal's Report – Guido Ronci</p> <p>Construction Construction in front of the school should be finished by September 29th, 2010.</p> <p>Bussing Bussing issues are still being worked on. Partially because of the ongoing construction, there have been a number of issues.</p> <p>Yearbook The company we used last year has approached us about using their services again this year. We will stay with the same company.</p> <p>Information Sheet A sheet has gone out to parents to request updated information on students.</p> <p>IEP Consultation letters have gone home and Karen & Guido are working to have the interviews done by mid October.</p>	
<p>5. Teachers' Report – Barb Miller</p> <p>World of Work The grade 8's will be participating in the World of Work fair at the end of October, 2010.</p> <p>Readers Karen Belanger would like some parents to listen to students read.</p>	
<p>6. Council Executive Election – Jennifer Nutt</p> <p>Secretary – Kevin McPherson by acclamation Treasurer – Christine Lee by acclamation Chair – Kim Sheldrick (absent) defeated Diana Widdifield. Vice-Chair – Val Leonard by acclamation</p>	
<p>7. Meeting Date Meetings will now be held on the 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30pm in either the library or the teacher's lounge. Pam Morse and Mark Fisher would like to address council at our next meeting. Val will contact them about the time and date. Our</p>	

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<p>8. Coordinator Positions Jingle Bell Bazaar – Jennifer Finniss Hot Lunches – Jennifer Finniss Webmaster – Andrew Furlong OCASC – Kevin MacPherson Dance-a-thon – TBA Volunteer Coordinator - TBA</p>	
<p>9. Hot Lunches – Jennifer Finniss We are going to have pizza - with or without salad, wraps – with or without salad, hot dogs – with or without salad & chicken fingers – with or without salad. The forms will be completed and sent out to the classes next week.</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment of Meeting Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Next meeting to be held on October 7, 2010, 6:30pm, MPS staff room or library.</p>	