

El McCulley School Advisory Council Minutes

January 25, 2012

Called to order at 6:03pm

In attendance

Natalie Favotto, Sandra Booker, Amber Morris, Kirsty Durrant, William Fraser, Laurie Angrove, Lea McEvoy, Rita DeLuca-Gates, Jan Levesque, Tom Smith, Cathy Chorro. Guests: Brock University's Teachers College Candidates (Justin Tweedley, Gabrielle Vali, Jacquie Coleman, Dave Malyk, Vanessa Pashkoff, Laura Baylis, Bryan Simmons)

Minutes, Budget and Reports

Minutes and Bank reconciliation passed around to review, motion to accept made by Kirsty Durrant, seconded by William Fraser, Motion carried.

Principal's Report

- Approval received from board for sign. Permit costs \$100.00; city requires specifications including height and width of the sign in order to obtain the permit. Rita will be contacting the board to get the names of tendered companies
- The board is initiating controlled entries for all schools with video surveillance. Visitors will need to buzz in to gain access to the school and there will be key swipe for staff. No date yet as to when it will be installed
- French immersion notice out today regarding open house at Alexandra on Monday Jan 30th at 6:30pm (for Grade four and five entry), another to be held at Queen Mary on Tuesday Feb 7th at 6:30pm (for grade 7 entry). (Message to parents – this is the last year for grade 5 entry) DSBN is piloting grade one entry at Sheridan Park and Briardale, application available online
- DSBN academy information meeting to be held on Mon Jan 30th at Prince of Wales at 6pm – applications being accepted for grades five and 6 (there are a few spots for current grade 6's going into grade 7), application available online
- Order and information form for Ice Dogs game went out today, there will be a pre-game skate and we are offering bus service from the school, tickets are \$11.00 (they are not being subsidized by Council but we did get a deal through the Ice Dogs)
- Early learning program begins next year (full day JK and SK)

Calendar

Jan 31 – Jump Rope for Heart (AM, all students participating)	Feb 02 – Kindergarten open house
Feb 08 – Celebration Assembly (1:45pm)	Feb 09 – 100th day of school, report cards go home and Ice Dog Game
Feb 22 – Niagara Youth Orchestra trip for grades 4-6	Feb 23 – Family Literacy night
Feb 29 – deadline for French immersion application	Mar 30 – Family Photo night

Chair's Report and General Business

- "Moosical" brought in \$450 at the bake sale and \$256.05 from the 50/50 draw
- Ice Dog hockey stick raffle coming up, lottery license to be purchased (notice to parents for approval to sell tickets)
- Feb 13-19 is "Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week", Motion made by Kirsty to use SAC funds towards purchasing gifts from Positive Promotions to give to teachers and staff, seconded by William, motion carried. SAC will commit a maximum of \$150.00 for gifts
- Loveable Labels is a fundraising opportunity that can run year round. Orders can be placed online and paid for via cheque, money order or online with credit card or paypal, suggestion made to put link on school website
- Jan and Laurie offered to run a Macmillan spring fundraiser – We made \$700.00 from the last Macmillan campaign, SAC agreed we would go forward with this, Jan to call Macmillans to make arrangements (goal to have orders delivered by May long weekend.)
- Other upcoming fundraisers - FEB Valentine Bake Sale, Make Change for Children, MAR Family Photo and Movie night, APR Pasta night, MAY Bike Raffle, Lids for Kids (money to Pathstone), JUN possible Fun Fair
- Talent show will be in April (glee club will present at DSBN showcase), SAC will run a bake sale and 50/50 draw
- Lea and Rita revisited the constitution – few changes were made, mostly wording
 - o Article I – Title changed (was 'Mission and Objectives)
 - o Article II – removal of student representative, Section B of old constitution moved to Article IV
 - o Article III – Added minimum of 5 council meetings per year, Added must be a quorum to proceed with meeting, Added Conflict of Interest section, Delegations and Questions section expanded, Conflict Resolution section added
 - o Article IV – Election Procedures expanded from the original election checklist found in the appendix of the old constitution
 - o Article V – Removed the line delegating the Principal to be secretary, Section 4 "Roles and Responsibility of council" removed as these items are covered in section E and F of Article I.
- Laurie motioned to accept draft as proposed constitution, seconded by Natalie, Motion carried unanimously
- Notice will go home to parents and vote would need to take place (with 2/3rds majority) in order to pass revised constitution

Next Meeting

Wednesday February 29, 2012 at 6:00 pm, in the library

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.