

MINUTES

El McCulley School Advisory Council Minutes

October 26, 2011

Called to order at 6:09 p.m.

In attendance

Natalie Favotto, Sandra Booker, Cindi Sonnenberg, Margaret Unruh, Amber Morris, Kirsty Durrant, William Fraser, Andrea Fraser, Laurie Angrove, Lea McEvoy, Rita DeLuca-Gates, Jan Levesque, Tom Smith

Absent

Rebecca Smit, Cathy Chorro

Approval of Minutes

Minutes passed around to review

Kirsty Durrant moved for acceptance of the minutes.

Motion seconded by Sandra Booker

Motion carried

Budget and Reports

No budget reconciliation available

Principal's Report

- EQAO is a snap shot of a student's knowledge. To see where they are at and where we have to go. EQAO has strict guidelines regarding teacher involvement.
- School plan – literacy focus on writing (get spinoff of reading and spinoff in math)
 - o Girls out perform boys (particularly at grade 6) look to engage boys in writing
 - o OWA (on writing assessment) review how it is being used in school
 - o Numeracy goal – looking at routine use of manipulatives (principal is completing an inventory of all manipulatives in the school) and problem base instruction (SUM method)
 - o We have cross curriculum and instructional coach school can access
- Hoping to have a family math night (spring maybe – possibly a regular event)
- Message notes on SAC mailbox for parents to fill out to communicate with SAC. Sandra asked if one can be sent out with the next newsletter
- Posters made that use EIM acronym, some at board has created graphics
- We will be applying for grant for tutors, we have high school co-op and ed assistance program from Niagara college already

Calendar

- Nov 1 sub orders go home
- Nov 2 PIC
- Nov 4 Celebration assembly 1:45 (Macmillan goes out)
- Nov 8 sub due
- 11 Remembrance Day service 10: 50am
- 15 sub lunch, progress reports go out
- 16 moose hunt, pasta orders go out
- 17 evening interviews
- 18 team day (dress wearing for fav team)
- 22nd pasta due
- 23rd Macmillan orders due

- 29 pasta lunch
- 30 sub order go out
- Dec 7 orders will be in

Chair's Report and General Business

- Parent Survey to go out with Newsletter
- PIC conference 4:00 – 8:45 at Eden High School (If parent or SAC member goes in with Principal school will be added into an additional draw)
- Paper saving ideas for SAC – we will email the minutes before the meeting to all members prior to meeting
- Prime Ministers Awards for Teaching Excellence (nominations Nov 30 due)
 - o SAC will send details home to all parents with info and letter to strongly encourage them to nominate
- Recruitment of volunteers, some parents believe SAC is unapproachable – have each member try to get one or two parents to volunteer – approach people you are already friendly with
- Random Acts of Kindness discussion moved to next meeting
- Aviva fund – Lincoln Centennial School are a Semi-Finalist – Voting begins December 5th
- Fundraising
 - o Lea has a list of people to call for donations. She will divide the list among all members so that everyone can call 3 -5 people. Rita and Lea to write a basic script for the calls.
 - o Wendy's sponsors schools by donating a portion of the receipts from one evening to the school
 - Amber to ask if EI can be the school they sponsor
 - o Campbell's Labels for Education – Sandra will send details regarding what is special this month so that it can be put in the Newsletter.

Next Meeting

Wednesday November 30, 2011 at 6:00 pm, in the library

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.