

Parent Council Minutes
November 16, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: Monica and Rob, Allen (principal), Rhonda (vice-principal), Toni, Jamie, and Cheryl

- 1. Call meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.**
- 2. Review of agenda – no changes**
- 3. Secretary's Report – Cheryl**
 - a. Review of minutes
 - b. Correspondence (bank NSF notices x3, MAPC newsletter, fundraiser ideas)
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
 - \$13,348.84 in sales for Scoop-A-lot (money was collected, tabulated, and deposited)
 - No bank statements
- 5. Principal's Report**
 - Bullying – school is planning a March professional development day for teachers to share resources and start organizing information to create common language and strategies for students – at present teachers are discussing/teaching in their own classrooms
 - Orange vests – staff is wearing an orange vest on duty to help students identify supervisor
 - Clothing order - \$2400 in sales – thank-you to parents who helped count and sort orders! – hoping to have clothing back before Christmas – discussion about how many times a year to sell (once? Three times?) and/or ongoing project? – initial costs include artist and digitalizing image
 - Board/principal/teacher reps – planning meetings planned for January – done every 2 years – gives the board and principals, etc a chance to discuss what division values – principals are asked to present on problems/issues that they see in their school – there is a question time for parents/members of the community to have their questions answered – these questions can be given to principal, board members, superintendent to take to the conference
 - Noon hour skating – starts this week – runs until the 3rd week of March – students will wear helmets, skates, and mitts – extra equipment at office if needed – free program – busing available to and from rink – parents are encouraged to come to the rink to help tie skates and/or to skate with students – younger siblings are welcome – considering having music while students are on ice
 - Parent teacher interviews – next week on Wednesday and Thursday night from 4:30-6:30p.m. – all teachers will be available to meet with parents (don't forget to visit music, gym, computer, or other specialist teachers)

- Upcoming events – December 20 and 21 = Christmas concerts – January 18 = next parent council meeting – March 8 = change in date of next parent council meeting

6. Scoop-A-Lot Update - Toni

- Orders collected and sent away
- Pick up on the 23rd (Tuesday) at lunch, after school, and early evening
- NSF cheques – two outstanding, a letter was sent home to parents

7. Staff Appreciation Week – “Healthy Hearts” Theme – some ideas include
bottles of water with water flavor packages, veggie and fruit trays, exercise/dance class, appreciation lunch, parent volunteers to do duty, promo for staff to work out at a gym facility

Cheryl will contact gym businesses before next meeting

Ashlee will contact parents for appreciation lunch on Friday

Monica will brainstorm appreciation ideas for students

More discussion at next meeting, division of jobs, and budgeting parent council financial contribution.

8. Discussion

- Government grant – when is deadline – Allen will check out
- Presentation next month – nutrition with a representative from Wellness group in Neepawa
- Baby-sitting stats – 11 children – will hire two baby-sitters for \$10/session

9. Adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.

10. Guest speaker – Jackie Pollock – pharmacist from Harris Pharmacy – “Choosing Over-the-Counter Drugs”

- Jackie shared many tidbits of information about various topics such as pain and fever treatment, cold and cough medications, allergy medications, acne medication, treating minor wounds, pink e, humidifier care
- The do’s and don’ts of medication was discussed
- Important – at Harris Pharmacy there are pharmacists on duty to answer your questions about over-the-counter drugs – part of their service is to assist in front of the counter to help you decide when to treat symptoms on your own or when to see the doctor
- We learned a few surprising facts about overdosing by accident, what helps heal wounds fastest, etc.

Before next meeting

1. sign cheque to cover baby-sitters for this month
2. scoop-a-lot funds raised
3. thank-you card to Jackie, Pat Ernest, Guardwine
4. newsletter submission – need name of presenter