

**ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions (Leslie Routhier)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Leslie Routhier.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2008 Council meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2008 School Advisory Council meeting was proposed by Giselle Bloch and seconded by Ingrid Berg. Motion passed.

**3. Parent Council Chair's Report (Leslie Routhier)**

**a. New Secretary Needed**

We are actively looking for a new SAC Secretary for the remainder of the school year. There are 3 parent council meetings left. If anyone is interested, please contact Leslie Routhier. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Gale Wilson for her contributions as Secretary and member of the Parent Council.

**b. Parents Reaching Out Grant Application/Speaker**

We requested \$1000 from the Ministry of Education, and we are assuming we will be receiving the full amount and will budget

accordingly. We are looking into getting a guest speaker to come and talk to the parents of the school, and possibly the students. Her name is Jennifer Botterill, and she is an Olympic hockey player, so she would speak about how to balance life – academics, nutrition, healthy living, athletics, peer and social pressures, etc. Stay tuned for details.

#### **c. Premier's Award For Teaching Excellence – Jan 31/09 deadline**

Parents, students, staff and administration can recommend a teacher who they feel is outstanding for the Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence. If you would like to recommend a teacher, there are forms available in the main office.

#### **d. Donation Request Update**

We sent out a letter at the beginning of the school year asking each family to donate \$50. We received donations from 250 families, for a grand total of \$14,590. We will hold a Fundraising Allocation Meeting in December so the funds can be spent and benefit the school and students during this school year.

### **4. Principal and Vice Principal Update (Russ Wilkinson)**

#### **a. School Update**

Vice Principal Sita Dubeau is working proactively on bringing together the anti-bullying initiatives with the character development.

The school year is progressing very quickly.

Wednesday November 5 was the Grade 9 Take Your Kid To Work Day. The Grade 8 band students went on a field trip to Bark Lake.

#### **b. Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday November 11 – Remembrance Day assembly
- Thursday November 13 - Pizza Lunch
- Tuesday November 18 – Grade 7 students - Hep B & meningitis vaccines, grade 8 girls only - HPV
- Wednesday November 19 – anti bullying assembly, with a drama performance from an outside group

- Week of 24<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Week – Kick off will be Chapters Night on Monday November 24. The student council will be planning events throughout the week.
- Friday November 28 – St Andrews day assembly; in addition, students of the school who were lost at a young age will be remembered
- Friday November 28 – report cards go home; food drive kick off
- Monday December 1 – early dismissal for the staff meeting
- Thursday December 4 – evening parent teacher interviews
- Friday December 5 – PD Day and morning parent interviews
- Thursday December 4 – White ribbon campaign, student assembly
- Tuesday December 9 – HPA information night
- Wednesday December 10 – Holiday concert
- Wednesday December 17 – After grade 8 information evening
- Friday December 19 – skating for the grade 8 students in the morning; in-school holiday assembly in afternoon
- January – Forest Valley trip, Mono Cliffs, grade 9 exams and many exciting events!
- Activity Days – Thursday January 15, February 5 and February 12

## **5. Financial Update (Ingrid Berg)**

Bake sale raised \$394.20

Donation letter raised \$14,590

## **6. Fundraising Initiatives**

### **a. Magazine Fundraiser Update (Cathy Poole)**

This year we grossed \$23,575 from the magazine fundraiser. Last year was approximately \$21,000. We receive roughly 35%, which will be approximately \$8500. The exact number will be determined once we get our finals from Readers Digest.

\$8,000 came in through online purchases; last year's online purchase generated roughly \$2,000.

Leslie thanked Cathy for running this fundraiser for St Andrews. It was a tremendous amount of work, and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

**b. Halloween Bake Sale (Leslie Routhier)**

The Halloween Bake Sale on Tuesday October 28 raised \$394.20

**c. Pizza Lunch – Thursday Nov 13 (Giselle Bloch)**

Our first pizza lunch will be held on Thursday November 13

**d. Chapters Night – Monday November 24 (Daphne Strathdee)**

The evening begins at 6:30 and runs until 9:00 pm, culminating in the raffle draw. It is a great time to do holiday shopping.

St Andrews receives 10% of all sales from the evening. If you cannot make it to the evening, you can go to Chapters during the day on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you specify that it is for the St Andrews fundraiser, the proceeds will be directed to the school.

Ms Greenspoon has a table of Librarian picks, so you can purchase a book to be donated to the school library.

St Andrews band and strings will be performing at the Chapters Night.

Raffle tickets will be sold at school on Friday November 21 and on Monday November 24. As well, the tickets will be sold throughout the evening at Chapters.

It promises to be a fantastic evening!

**e. Birthday Book Program (Leslie Routhier on behalf of Elsa Van Staveren)**

Parents can purchase a book for the library in honour of their child's birthday, during the birthday month. This is a new initiative that began this year, and the response has been wonderful.

**f. Music Night/After Grade 6 Refreshments (Leslie Routhier)**

Music Night is Wednesday December 10. The parent council normally sells water and cookies. Leslie will send out an email requesting volunteers.

After Grade 6 Night is Wednesday January 14, and it is geared for grade 6 students and parents. Open House will be held the same night, and the existing students and parents can tour the school and view the students' work.

The parent council will offer refreshments at the After Grade 6 Evening.

### **g. Cookie Dough – March 10 (Leslie Routhier on behalf of Elsa Van Staveren)**

This will take place in March - more news will follow at the January 19 meeting.

### **7. Healthy Active Living Education (HALE) Update (Susan Vincent)**

It has been extremely busy and successful with sports this year so far. We have seven banners already this year hanging in the gym, recognizing our accomplishments!

Bordenball, soccer and tennis kicked off the season, followed by slo pitch, the CN Tower climb, cross country running. We have a very active house league program as well - drop in volleyball is on right now, and we have just finished flag football.

We are fortunate to have so many teachers volunteering to run these sports teams. The students benefit from the physical activity, teamwork and sportsmanship. The sports program is extremely vibrant now.

Now the HALE thrust will be on healthy eating. Part of this initiative will be on what is served and eaten in the cafeteria, as well as education and awareness on making healthy eating choices. A polling question will be included with Friday's e-newsletter, and an on-line questionnaire will be completed with some students in their health class, and we will also be encouraging staff to complete the questionnaire. This survey was initially done about two years ago, and we will use this information to provide feedback and recommendations to expand the variety and quantity of healthy food choices offered through the cafeteria.

## **8. Other Business (Leslie Routhier)**

### **a. Upcoming SAC Meetings @ 7:00 pm in the library**

Monday January 19

Monday April 6

Monday June 1

### **b. Ward Forum Meeting**

Gerri Gershon, our school trustee, is holding a Don Valley West Ward Forum meeting on Tuesday November 18, 7-9 pm at Rolph Road PS in Leaside. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **c. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference “Parent Involvement Makes a Difference”**

This conference will be held this Saturday November 15 at the Toronto Congress Centre. All parents are welcome to pre-register and attend. The conference is free, and childcare and translation services are provided.

You can register online at [www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference) or by calling 416-394-2070

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Leslie Routhier, seconded by Cathy Poole. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2009 in the library**