

**ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — MINUTES
April 21st, 2010**

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1. Discussion over recent events at Owen Leslie Routhier

Given the latest events at Owen regarding the former principal's alleged fraudulent use of parent council funds, it was suggested that St. Andrew's might benefit from the auditing services of a parent who is an accountant. However, since this action might cause unfounded concern amongst parents, council decided not to go forward with it.

2. Principal Update Andrew Howard

- a) Staffing numbers: At the elementary level, the staff numbers are good. At the secondary level there are 2 positions of responsibility that have not been filled as of yet as no current staff members are qualified with a specialist in these particular subjects. Therefore, two secondary teachers were declared surplus and we will have to await the remainder of the process to determine whether they will be called back to the school or whether we will be seeking outside St. Andrew's to fill the positions.

There will be seven Grade 7 classes, seven Grade 8 classes, 5 Grade 9 classes and no Grade 9 gifted classes. In total there will be about 516 kids next year at St. Andrew's.
In optional attendance there will be about 70 Grade 7's.

The school received 3 new HPA Programs (grades 4,5,6) from Seneca College but did not get more staff to cover the extra programs.

- b) Grade 9 Quebec City Trip
They will be gone on Thursday and Friday. There were about 43 kids that did not participate; very unusual.
- c) Appropriate Dress
Girls are wearing revealing clothing which invites inappropriate comments and behaviour from the boys. Trying to set some codes for dress but it can be difficult, considering what is available in the stores.

3. Fund raising

Leslie Routhier

- a) Chapter's Night
Given the poor turnout last year and the restrictions on raffle ticket sales, it was decided not to hold this event next year.
- a) Charitable Donations
It was decided that \$50.00 is an appropriate amount to request from parents next year.
- b) Birthday Book
This has been a very successful initiative and Edward has volunteered to continue running it next year.
- c) Magazine Drive
We need a volunteer to run this activity. The work can be done from home.
- d) Pizza Lunch
This is well received by the students and parents and should be held more often. Suggested dates for pizza lunch are: late October, beginning of December, February, March and early April. Volunteers are needed to organize this event.
- e) Bake Sale
One more could be held during the school year in the 1st or 2nd week of January. It would brighten up the winter days. Raffles will only be held on special occasions such as Hallowe'en and Valentine's Day. Mabel will continue to organize these events.
- f) Cookie Dough Sales
This activity will be cancelled due declining response this year.

g) SPC Card

This was a huge success. The difficulty is that the cash needs to be handled by a parent but sales are held over the 2 hours of lunch every day. This year students handled the sales but the cash was handled by too many different people and there was a shortfall at the end. Hopefully a parent can take over this responsibility. Stephanie Achkarian will coordinate this event again next year.

5) Speakers

a) Constable Scott Mills, OPP – try to get him back for September.

b) Might try to get Jennifer Botterill back for November but she could be busy and expensive due to the recent Olympic Gold for the Canadian Women's Hockey Team. It would be ideal to get her to talk to the student body with an invitation for parents to attend.

6) HALE (Healthy Active Living Education)

The HALE healthy snack held on March 25th was very successful. Kids enjoyed getting the pita with preserves and a cheese string. Many kids came back for seconds.

7) Next Parent Council Meeting: Monday May 31st.