

**ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — MINUTES
May 31, 2010**

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| Teacher: | Andrea Stella | |

1. Welcome

Leslie Routhier

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Gabriole Lau and seconded by Wendy Park.

3. Parent Council Update

Leslie Routhier

a) Parent Council Executive 2010/2011

There have been plenty of volunteers so most of the council positions have been filled. Currently the roles of chair and vice-chair are still available. Leslie is willing to take on an advisory role or remain as chair if the position is not filled by someone else.

b) Review of Recent Events

- Cookie dough – This event only raised about \$300.00 and since there appears to be declining interest it will not be held next year.
- Music Night – 40 bottles of water were sold that evening.

c) Teacher/Staff appreciation Breakfast – Wednesday, June 30th.

d) Welcome back coffee – Tuesday, Sept. 14th.

e) 2010/2011 Parent Council Meeting Schedule

Monday, Sept. 13th, 7pm
Others: TBA

f) Scott Mills is no longer with Crimestoppers and we still don't know who his replacement is and whether or not he/she will do talks on internet safety. Sita suggested we approach Scott Mills to see if he would still do the talk apart from Crimestoppers.

4. Principal Update

Andrew Howard

Thanks to the parent council for their efforts this year and especially to departing

executive members, Giselle Block, Gabriole Lau and Catherine Zouravlioff.

Staffing Update

Departing:

- Lorraine Coughlan – Guidance Counsellor (moving to Earl Haig SS)
- T. Baltayan – French (Leave of absence)
- S. Monteiro – Math (Long-term Occasional position finishing)
- P. Sun – Math & Science (Long-term Occasional position finished)
- P. Conrad – English (maternity leave)
- A. Rock – Family Studies, Special Education (surplus)
- J. Lo – Office (has taken on a central position with board in International Languages, expected to return September 2011)

New:

- D. Partnoy Science, Math, Special Ed (returning from leave of absence)
- LTO – English (from Ms. Conrad until she returns from maternity leave)
 - English, Special Ed (for Ms. Kadish on a leave of absence)
- Secondary vacancy – Guidance, Student Success
 - Family Studies, Special Education

Dress Code

The school has clamped down hard on inappropriate dress, ie low-cut tops, tops showing undergarments and/or short tops as well as very short shorts; the students are asked to cover up with gym clothing or other clothing if deemed necessary. For the most part, students have complied and there have been few confrontational moments. For the safety and welfare of all of our students, the dress code must be upheld.

School Safety and Security

Lockdown practices:

This year, we have had one lockdown practice with a second to come in June. According to TDSB policy every school must have two lockdown drills and six mandated fire drills (three in the fall and three in the spring)

Lockdown drill procedure:

An announcement is made over the PA system stating that the school is in lockdown mode now, and whether it is an internal or external lockdown, the students are asked to please follow the lockdown procedures, and then administration follows protocol to ensure the expectations are met and to communicate information as needed.

Video cameras:

The TDSB has done a survey to determine whether or not to install video cameras in schools. These cameras would be in public areas, such as stairwells, hallways, and hallways in front of the washroom areas. The TDSB has been installing them in high risk schools and there is no word on when St. Andrew's might get cameras..

After 9:00am only the main doors at the front of the school remain unlocked at St. Andrew's.

Class List Creation Process

We're getting close to creating timetables for next year, and slotting students into their classes. In grade 9 classes are formed by determining how many students are taking applied versus academic then from there looking at the options they've chosen within their programs. Following that, the male/female student ratio, ESL or Special Education needs and the general make up of the classroom from a social, emotional, and behavioural standpoint are taken into account.

For grades 7 & 8 the procedure is much the same except that there is no need to consider options and choices for academic or applied programs.

Classes are not based on teacher preference as there are often staffing changes right up to September. Students will not be made aware of their home room or subject area teachers until Sept. 7 during the opening grade assemblies.

EQAO – Grade 9

EQAO for our grade 9 students (in Math) will take place on June 10th and 11th during periods one and two in the school cafeteria.

Year End

There will be separate Grade 7 & 8 recognition assemblies on Monday, June 28 in the morning and a combined assembly in the afternoon.

The Grade 9 students have exams June 16 – 22nd and their graduation is on Thursday, June 24th. Their exam results will be available on Wednesday, June 23 in the afternoon or Thursday, June 24 in the morning. They return on Friday, June 25 at 3:00pm to pick up their report cards.

September 1st is the first day back for teachers and the office opens on Aug 23. The school year begins on Tuesday, September 7th.

Discussion

1. Wendy Park, in a discussion with Miss Stella, wanted to know how the students were to balance summatives with exams. The school tries to balance the workload between assignments, summatives and exams but will continue to evaluate on an ongoing basis.
2. Early dismissal days are used by the teachers for "Critical Pathway" workshops. Every subject is covered in each department. Each teacher brings in four assignments and everyone takes turns marking them in an effort to achieve consistency in marking.

5. Fundraising Spending-Priorities Committee

Leslie Routhier

\$21,746 was raised by parent council this year. \$19,233 of the funds went towards the following: musical instruments, science materials, white boards, landscaping (staff contributed plant material), healthy snacks from the Hale committee.

A balance of \$2,500.00 remains with plans to use these funds in the following manner:

Staff breakfast: \$300.00

Hale-fruit freezie snack: \$250.00

Murals for some
classroom doors: \$1,000.00
Canopy for sports
events etc.: \$300.00

Parent Council float: \$650.00

Motion to accept spending plans was raised by Gabriole Lau and seconded by Wendy Park. For future fundraising consideration there remains a need for air conditioning units and large fans for classrooms, where temperatures can approach 34 degrees on some days.

6. Fundraising Initiatives 2010/11

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- a) Charitable Donations – asking \$50.00/student from parents, same as this year
- b) Magazine fundraiser – Sue Servos
- c) SPC Cards – Stephanie Achkarian
- d) Birthday Book Programme – did very well this year and will continue to be run by Edward Asmar
- e) Pizza Lunches – there will be 4 in the coming year; Linda Laham volunteered to coordinate these for next year
- f) Bake Sales – there will be 3 instead of 2 and Mable Chan will be in charge again.
- g) Popcorn Days – popular in other schools, should we run this event or other special food days? Lina Sorberano to investigate options and coordinate.

7. Healthy Active Living Education

Gina Chu

The next healthy snack HALE will provide for the students is a frozen fruit bar/popsicle. The last snack was very popular and kids came back for seconds.

8. Other Business

Leslie Routhier

Jennifer Botterill is coming to speak to the kids sometime during the week of Oct. 4. Two assemblies will be held and all parents will be invited to attend, with refreshments being offered.

**NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 AT 7:00 pm in the School Library**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!