

IACOB BEAM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2009

Present: Tracy Leemet, Ted Hannahson, Laurie Arsenault, Kathy Horton, Mary Jastremski, Darcie Osborne, Alison Clayson, Gina Allan, Krista Capes, Lori Shuker, Lisa Murri, Michelle Weiss, Laura Fisher, Greg Brownstein, Andrea Brownstein, Wenonah Tallman, Lesia Lenko, Heather Habgood.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1) WELCOME

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to accept the October 22, 2009 minutes was carried out by Michelle Weiss and seconded by Wenonah Tallman.

3) PRESENTATION BY TED HANNAHSON AND TRACY LEEMET – UNCRATING THE EQAO

- The parents present at the council meeting were given a few sample questions from the grade 6 EQAO test and Tracy Leemet went over the answers.
- Generally students do better on the multiple choice than on the open answer sections.
- Questions are designed to look at specific things.
- It's a strenuous time and there is lots of thinking involved for the students.

4) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - TRACY LEEMET

- Can't believe we have only 3 weeks of school left before the Christmas break
- the volleyball season has ended for the junior teams and the int girls - the jr boys and girls played at Vineland last night and unfortunately lost in tight games - the int boys team played in the DSBN tournament yesterday and will now be playing at the DSBN supernight at Eastdale next Monday at 4:00
- we will next be into basketball with first the intermediates and then the juniors
- Mr Kitcher has continued with chess for the jr and int students and checkers for the primary students.
- teachers have been working on report cards over the past few weeks - they will be coming home on Wed. Dec. 2nd with interviews times being Thurs 4-7 and Friday 1-3:30 - confirmation sheets outlining your interview will go home soon if it has not already done so - we do our best to accommodate families and people's preferences but we certainly cannot guarantee that everyone got what they wanted
- Homework club continues to be offered after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:00 and Ketchup club on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays second break is for those students who have unfinished work
- Christmas concert this year is for the JK-grades 3 on Wed. Dec. 16th at 1:45 and 6:00
- The Gingerbread shop will run on Friday, Dec. 11th - thanks to Mrs Shuker and school council for arranging this for us
- We will be having a community dance on Friday, Dec. 11th from 7-10 for grades 6-8 - all money raised will go to offset the costs for the Montreal trip
- Focus for our school growth plan is reading for meaning specifically higher order, creative and critical thinking skills - writing focusing on drafting and revising their writing - math to focus on teaching through problem solving
- our gr 8 teachers will be going to BDSS on Monday morning to uncrate the Math EQAO scores from the gr 9 tests to learn about strengths and weaknesses and how we can best support our students in gr 8 to be successful in gr 9
- Book fair begins on Dec. 1st -3rd - it will be open interview night from 4-6. We reschedule this in order that it would coincide with interview night
- we will be collecting Canadian Tire money beginning on Monday Dec 1st through to the 11th - all money will then go towards purchasing things for Community Care - as well we will be collecting non-perishables
- our recognition assembly for November is on Monday at 1:40 - our character trait for Dec is caring
- the BDSS band will be here on Wed Dec 9th in the pm to share some Christmas carols with us
- we will be having two sessions of carol singing on Thurs Dec. 17th after second break and after the assembly on Dec. 18th at 9:00ish.
- First day back to school following the break is Monday, Jan. 4th

5) CHAIR'S REPORT - LAURIE ARSENAULT

- Nomination forms are in for Teaching Excellence and they are due February 1, 2010.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT – PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

- There is nothing to report at this time.

7) COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Fundraising – Due to financial difficulties, basket raffles are cancelled and Canadian Tire money will be collected instead.

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Communications – There is nothing to report at this time.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- Lori Shuker is looking for volunteers to “man” the gingerbread shop when it is open and also for inventory Friday afternoon.
- The gingerbread shop will be held on Thursday December 10, 2009 in the evening and on Friday December 11, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- This is not a fundraiser but any money made will go to the Snack Shack.

9) ACTION ITEMS

Review of Code of Conduct – Laurie Arsenault has started to work on it. If anyone is interested in helping, please speak to Laurie.

Playground – Still wondering what to do? It will always be an issue. We can look at major fundraising to overhaul it but it will still have yearly repair costs. Good for now.

10) NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be Thursday January 14, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

11) ADJOURNMENT