

MINUTES

Jacob Beam School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Attendance: Laurie Arsenault, Kathy Horton, Marc Poirier (Student teacher), Ted Hannahson (Teacher), Tracy Leemet (Principal), Alison Clayson, Irene Petsinis, Michelle Weiss, Gina Allan, Bev Boden, Krista Capes, Victoria Derkson, Greg Brownstein, Tammy Strongitharm

Regrets: Laura Fisher, Shelly Murre, Cassie McNiven

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Laurie Arsenault

1) WELCOME

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

-as from November 11, 2010 – PASSED

-check accountants

-spelling of Tammy's name

3) PRESENTATION OF BLAZECAST

-new phone system

-able to do mass calling at one time

-used for first time night before the last snow day

-all staff now have their own voicemails so you can leave a message for any of the staff

4) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TRACY LEEMET

- New report Cards – the new report cards went home yesterday, it certainly took alot longer to write them and there were some glitches – how did you find them??
- Grade 3 and 6 Preassessments – both our grade 3 and 6s students will be completing a similar version of the EQAO test either this week or next week – this is to ensure that we are putting in all the right supports for our students and to see where we need to focus our instruction for the next few months
- Our Jr/Int teachers are taking part in some additional critical thinking sessions that are being offered to a select group of teachers throughout our board – they are receiving PD from a young lady who works out of OISE – the teachers are embedding these critical tasks into their daily instruction
- Homework club is still offered Monday and Wednesdays after school and ketchup club is still offered at 2nd break for those students who have unfinished work
- Our junior kindergarten open house was held at the end of Jan – we had approx 20 registrations – it is very important to have the registrations now so that they will be taken into account as part of our staffing
- We held our first lockdown drill last Friday – it went extremely well
- Our Intermediate bball teams have been busy over the past 6 weeks – the boys team did not make the playoffs but the girls are playing in the finals on Monday at Nelles – thanks to Mr Millin, Mr Sotola and Mr Fung who has helped coached the teams
- The junior bball teams start tryouts tomorrow – Ms Schneider and Mr Hannahson are coaching together both the boys and girls teams

- Mrs Holloway stepped up and is organizing the chess club for us – their official practices times are Wed and Fri 2nd break
- Girls gymnastics has also started – Ms Penley and Mrs Phillips have started this week getting things together
- All of these activities make for a busy gym
- Mr Sotola will be taking a small team of intermediate students to the Tech Challenge next week – the teams are given a problem and some materials and they have to come up with a solution
- Speeches – we offered as an extracurricular activity for any students in grades 4-8 who were interested – we have a few intermediates who have taken us up on the challenge
- Canspell – Mrs Rondeau organized for the first time an opportunity for anyone interested to take place in a spelling contest – a young lady in Mr Robinsons class was the winner
- From Feb. 22nd – 25th – we will be encouraging students to bring in some loose change to support the “Make Change for Children” campaign – this is a foundation that has been set up to help students in the DSBN who are in dire circumstances
- The month of Feb also brings the time that students go through the process of completing the tasks in the literacy assessment portfolios – primary – Pm benchmark, OWA, spelling inventory, sight word recognition

5) CHAIR’S REPORT – LAURIE ARSENAULT

-Nothing to report at this time

6) TREASURER’S REPORT –

- The playground account has \$3,804.37.
- The general account has \$5891.03.

7) COMMITTEE REPORT –

- Playground bids – site meeting, 3 companies came out to bid on the playground

Little Tykes	\$39 771.85
APE	\$36 075.97
Henderson	did not bid

Motion to give Little Tykes the tender to build our new playground

2nd by Gina Allan

passed with 11 votes

- Fundraising – We will be selling chocolate bars for the first couple of weeks of March including March Break

Review of Parent Council By-laws

- bylaws are different at many school
- do we want a quorum or a majority?
- will defer review until next meeting and decide then
- also looked at bylaw stating “must have a majority of voting present to hold a meeting
- can we change it? NO

9) Communications – sign is being changed by Irene Petsinis

10) New Business

-can we put a reminder into newsletter not to walk around (behind or between) the buses

-drivers please exit parking lot using exit not entrance so as not to get in the way of the buses

10) NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be Thursday April 14, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

11) ADJOURNMENT