

Oakville School Parent Council
Meeting Minutes – November 25/09

Attended by: Ramsy Unruh, Shirley Hildebrandt, Lada Mussellam, Ebonnie Minty-Dodd, Jennifer Wolfe, Greg Burnett, Donna Coleshill, Graham Shindle, Reese Miller, Denyse Nicholls, Sherrie Upgang, Alana Miller
Absent: Joanne Page, Monica Chorney, Shirley Kirton

Bank Balance: \$4506.24

Correspondence: Sherrie read two thank you notes received from the K-3 teachers thanking parent council for the purchase of more sand toys for outdoors, and a note from Graham Shindle thanking parent council for providing supper on the night of parent teacher interviews.

Student Council Report: Reese reported that the magazine fundraiser went quite well with \$8549.00 being sold in subscriptions. Prizes for top sellers were being distributed. The student council is willing to work with parent council on operating a small canteen after the new year.

Staff Report: Greg and Graham

- Jr. High incentive day will be held Monday, Nov.30 for those students who have completed all assignments etc. A four station fun physical activity is planned.
- Christmas Concert planning and rehearsals are going well;
- Gr.4/5's will be attending the Jingle Bell Breakfast at the Glesby Centre on Dec. 4/09
- Shannon Unruh has been hired to replace Monika Metzloff (Band/Small group reading program) until June 30/09.
- Mr. Reichert's Small Group Reading Program had applied for funding from the Portage and District Foundation but was informed that there were no funds available. Darren and others are looking into alternatives for money to carry the program on as planned.
- Remembrance Day Service – a big thank you to Monica Chorney for arranging speakers for the service. Positive feedback given about the service and the new sound system.

Playground Report: Ramsy reported that the cement pad has been poured for the picnic shelter but it will be completed in spring. Grass will be planted around the pad.

Hot Lunch Program: Shirley stated things were going okay – some issues needed to be worked out but no large problems.

Old Business:

1. **Bus/School Cancellation** – Sherrie gathered information prior to our meeting for our review which contained OVS school closure days since 2001, a list of a good cross reference of other Manitoba school division's policies on this issue and an e-mail from Hazen Barrett – Superintendent of Portage School Division which contained some background information. After reading this compilation of information, it was unanimously decided that Oakville School should continue with closing the school anytime the buses are not running. Safety of all is our priority. A letter to Hazen Barrett and Kevin Blight will be forwarded confirming our position.
2. **Sound System** – The sound system in the gym had a cost overrun of \$2000.00. After some discussion, a proposal was put forward to use extra money from the playground fund to cover the cost. All were in favour.
3. **Trivia Night** – Sherrie has arranged for our Trivia Master – Heather Manweiller to lead us again. The date is Friday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m in the gym. Each parent council member is asked to round up some teams and each class rep. is asked to work with the teachers to gather an auction item – a similar concept to last year. Teams will be minimum 6 members - \$60.00/team and up to 2 additional members for \$10.00 each. Sherrie will look after advertising.

New Business:

1. **2010 Olympic Torch Run** – January 7, 2010 at approximately 5:00 p.m., the Olympic flame will pass through the town of Oakville. Our school and community want to celebrate! The parent council in conjunction with the Oakville Community Club are finalizing plans to allow students to remain after school that day and congregate in the school for a snack, gather in groups to watch the torch run through town and have as many community members attend the community hall after for Chili Olympics and fireworks. A plan is in place to have a sign out system for our kids to leave with their parents and volunteers are required to assist. Greg Burnett and Donna Coleshill will be door monitors, Lada and Jennifer will provide rice krispies cake, Denyse, Shirley, Lada, Ramsy, Alana and Sherrie will be group leaders. Each community group will be asked to provide chili and buns for supper and voting will take place for the best chili. Graham is looking into some entertainment while waiting for supper. Community Club and Parent Council

will provide a short fireworks display to help with the celebration. Sherrie, Graham and Alana will meet with the Community Club Executive November 26 to finalize plans.

- 2. Float for Parade of Lights – December 4** – Blaine Page has been diligently working on the float for our school. This year's theme is a celebration of Canadian Olympic Winter sports which will be complete with a ski slope, hockey nets, and a podium. Some lights are required so Lada will ask for Newton to donate some and she will contact Blaine. Sherrie will look after ordering candy. Student council members and parent council members and their families are invited to ride on the float or walk with it. Thanks to Todd Blight for the use of his truck and trailer for the evening. Sherrie will look after purchasing thank you gifts for Todd and Blaine.
- 3. Canteen Proposal** – Student Council and Parent Council will work together to plan a small canteen which will sell nutritious items a couple of days per week. This will be tabled for discussion and planning in January.
- 4. Sponsor a Charity** – Tracy Erickson is looking into a Parent Council/Oakville Supermarket initiative to give to a charity in some fashion ie: Cancer Society, M.S. etc. This will be followed up in the near future with details to follow.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24/10 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakville School Library