

Elgin Street Parent's Council Meeting Minutes – September 27<sup>th</sup> 2011:

Attendance:

Diana Mills, Imode Henry, Joan Spice, Seymore Rowe, Suzan Cassidy, Gerry Ohlsen, Kim Gauvin, Heater Lindsay, Doris Zastro, Sheila James, Ashleigh Horricks, Jim Costello, Maria Rita Pama-Miles, Scott McKenzie, Barbara Johnston-Iafelice, Eric Husband, Michael Bonser, Nichole Reynoso, John Higgins, Gavin Gonsalves, Catherine Pacella, Anna Valliant, Nagwa Shiref, Marie Josee Tremblay, Lorrie Beaton, Sara Rhamey.

- Introductions
- Slide show from first assembly presented by Madame Shelly
- John explained parent's council to new members

**Motion: Scott motioned to approve last years minutes from May and June. John seconded the motion – approved.**

Elections – members of the executive were elected:

- Secretary – Catherine
- OCASC rep. - John
- Co-chairs – Sheila and Lorrie
- Treasurer – Erik
- Fundraiser – John offered to be a co-fundraiser, and another person will be elected next meeting

Other positions filled include:

- Arts coordinator – Lorrie
- Movie nights coordinator – James Hall
- Pizza mom – Stephanie
- Newsletter – Diana
- Google groups - Kim (and gardening)
- Safe Schools Committee rep: Tina Boisvert

Council's parent members for this year include:

- Diana
- Kim
- Marie Josee
- Gavin
- Nicole
- Ashleigh
- Michael
- Scott

Community reps on council this year are Heather and Jim.

The staff reps this year will be Sarah Bohla and Tara Sheridan.

**Motion:** to approve the spending of up to \$200 per week for pizza purchases for our pizza sales at the school. John motioned and Kim seconded – approved.

**Motion:** to approve \$6708.10 for arts programming at the school this year. John motioned and Sheila seconded – approved but later repealed.

**Motion:** to approve \$300 for movie night materials. Motioned by John and seconded by Jim – approved.

**Motion:** to approve \$400 for The Power of One Anti-bullying presentation. Motioned by John and seconded by Kim – approved.

Diana asked the council to approve \$1500 for school t-shirts and team jerseys. Principal Barbara will send team jersey information to Diana so that we can possibly purchase some larger size jerseys as this is what we are lacking.

Diana's request was deferred to the next meeting as we did not have the financials in front of us. This led to a discussion about how spending is approved. It was agreed that we need to have all of the budget figures in front of us before we can approve all of the arts funding for the year. We need to look at the whole picture before approving spending, rather than approving requests individually until the money runs out.

**Motion:** John motioned to repeal the first motion, seconded by Diana. 4 against, 6 for repealing, 1 abstention. Motion approved.

**Motion:** John motioned to spend up to \$4800 for arts programming expenses in the first term. Michael seconded – approved. This was done because some of the first term programming has already occurred and needs to be paid for before the next council meeting.

Lorrie will send the arts programming information to Google groups for the council members to take a look at before the next meeting. Arts programming information should go out in backpacks for parents to read, once it's been approved.

Principal Barbara will bring the staff wish list to the next council meeting and will have a prioritized list of sports team needs.

Principal Barbara gave us her principal's report. She said that she will be sending a one sheet of information home to parents each month. This will be done in addition to the newsletter.

The playground budget was presented. There is still some money left that is to be spent on improvements to the school ground. An exact number for how much is left will be available by December.

Anna will be creating a school directory.

Scott spoke about the accommodation review. He presented a questionnaire that he would like to have

parents fill out. He is hoping to send them home in backpacks. He will add a line to the questionnaire explaining that we are hoping to get a sense of where parents stand on the issue so that we can present our school's point of view accurately.

Principal Barbara will have to vet the questionnaire through her superintendent before it goes out to parents.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>.