

St. Matthew's Elementary
School Council Meeting Feb. 15, 2011

Minutes

In attendance: Dean, Bev, Kyran, Steve, Sean, Angela, Sharon

Absent: Jason, Glenn, Claudette, Bryan

Meeting began at 5:35 pm

1. **Welcome** –Dean called the meeting to order and welcomed the council. Dean moved that the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by Kyran with all in agreement.
2. **Spring Fair** – The date for the Spring Fair has been changed to May 28. The first meeting took place on Thursday, Feb. 10 and the next will be on Wed. Mar. 9. The committee is looking for more help and council members will encourage parents to join the committee. Fundraising will be directed towards the purchase of multidirectional microphones and a feedback monitor to improve sound during concerts and assemblies. We are currently trying out a new technology called the Mobi which is a tablet used by the teacher and students as an interactive hand held white board. The cost of a Mobi including the cost of a screen and projector is significantly less than a Smartboard so we will reserve judgement on the purchase of further Smartboards until we evaluate the performance and potential of the Mobi technology. Large Ontario school boards have decided to opt for the Mobi technology.
3. **Swimming/Skating** – Due to the significant loss of instructional time, we will not be offering a swimming/skating program this year. The cost of outfitting a student to skate for only a couple of sessions is not feasible for most parents. We will look into the possibility of offering a couple of swimming sessions in the spring. Most children have swimming clothing so this would be of less expense to parents and also give children the opportunity to further develop this important life skill.
4. **School Board Motion** – There is a meeting at Beaconsfield Junior High this evening for school council chairs in west end schools affected by the current school board motion. Ford Rice will be in attendance and Dean and Kyran will be in attendance to represent our school. The school council continues to support the motion based on appropriate, timely resourcing.

5. **Teacher Appreciation Week** – The office will provide staff members with sandwiches and snacks on Friday, Feb. 18.

6. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, Mar. 15, 5:30 pm. Pizza will be provided.

Meeting adjourned: 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Vivian