

St. Matthew's Elementary

School Council Meeting

May 17, 2011

In attendance: Dean Menchions, Brian Ellsworth, Sean Burke, Steve Spratt, Bev Brace, Kyran Dwyer, Angela Dawe, Sharon Vivian

Absent: Paula Richards-Mullins, Glenn Cake, Jason Druken, Claudette Brokenshire

1. **Consultation Process** – Kyran thanked school council for being part of the school board consultation process and the support given to Dean in preparing our response to the revised motion. Thanks to Dean for preparing the presentations and presenting to the public sessions.
2. **K-7 Reconfiguration** – We have been allocated 3 classroom teachers- Patty Ann Williams, two to be hired, .25 physical education, .17 tech ed, .25 music and .33 additional classroom, topped guidance to full unit, and two full time administrators. We have advertised a French/Science teacher and a French/Math teacher for Grade 7. There will be discussion about having smaller classes combined for physical education classes in the fall due to time constraints for gym space.
3. **Spring Bazaar** – Spring Bazaar is going slower with fewer donations to date. If you know someone or have a connection you are apt to get a donation.
4. **Update on School Development Plan** – Our three goals are well on their way but we will likely delay the start of the next plan until we have established our new K-7 community and begin the process after Christmas next year. Until then, our existing three goals will continue.
5. **Maintenance** – Windows are being replaced on our lower floor. We are waiting to hear if government will be doing the upper floor or the school board. It will be done. This summer the roof and siding will also be done.
6. **Recruitment of new members** – We cannot form the new council until the fall. Please encourage parents to offer themselves for council. We have two members of the community interested in joining council in the fall.
7. **Year end Party** – There was discussion about a year end social for the school council in June. Further details to follow.
8. **School Start – School Supplies** – We will again offer parents the opportunity to order their school supplies through School Specialty.

9. **Fundraiser for Staff Person** – Doug Merner, our Program Assistant of over 25 years, is ill and we are organizing a dessert party on June 16 as a fundraiser for his family as well as a family pancake breakfast on June 21. School Council members were invited to provide donations for either event.
10. **Student Leadership** - Our leadership team has decided to direct their efforts building a well in an African village through Free the Children's Adopt a Village. We will have a water bottle balance created to use to collect change for this initiative.
11. **Quebec Trip** – The exchange trip went very well and the Quebec students will be arriving June 11- June 18 with the banquet the 17th. A member of school council is invited to speak to our visitors at the banquet.
12. **Band** – Compliments to our band students and Mr. Burry on a great job at the Rotary Festival.
13. **Field Trip of Grade 3's to Confederation Building** – Children were very well behaved during their visit to Confederation Building today compliments of Sheila Osborne.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 pm