

St. Matthew's Elementary
School Council Meeting October, 2010
Minutes

Present:

Kyran Dwyer Claudette Brokenshire Sharon Vivian Angela Dawe Sean Burke Brian Ellsworth Bev Brace Dean Menchions

Absent:

Stephen Spratt Paula Mullins Glenn Cake Jason Druken

Meeting called to order by Kyran Dwyer at 7:03 PM

1. Welcome/Thank you

Kyran distributed the agenda and welcomed us back for another school year. He also welcomed our newest parent rep, Mr. Brian Ellsworth.

2. Roles and responsibilities

Kyran gave us the School Council Handbook website for reference and outlined the roles and responsibilities of the council. Very informative. There was also an update of the school plan and the goals of the school.

3. Chairperson

After a wonderful two years, Angela Dawe indicated she would not seek a third term as Chairperson. Dean Menchions volunteered and was elected.

4. Meeting times

There is a tentative agreement of the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:00 or 5:30 PM for Council meetings. Dean is tasked with polling the absent members before a final decision is approved.

5. Fundraising

The School Council unanimously voted to approve the annual Sweat-a-thon and Read-a-Thon fundraiser. The monies will go toward the purchase of more "Smart Boards" for the school.

6. French Exchange Trip

26 Students from St. Matthews will be travelling to Carignan, QC. The date is April 9-16th, 2011. Students from the local school will be visiting in June, 2011. dates to be announced.

7. Art Smarts Grant

An Arts Smart Grant has been approved for grade six. Students will participate in various arts activities throughout the year.

8. Conservation Corps

St. Matthew's has been approved for a grant (School Naturalization Grant) to start a school garden. A committee will be formed to oversee the development of the garden. Two volunteer teachers will also be visiting Conservation Corps to get up to speed on the project.

9. School Travel Planning

Surveys will be completed, informal counts will be done and parents will give input on how children get to school. This is a board project to encourage walking, carpooling and other means of transport for students and parents to come to school.

10. Benches

Benches will be installed in both the corridor and outside in the new garden. Appropriate benches are being looked into. Bev Brace reinforced the positive impact of benches at her workplace.

11. Windows

To be installed in short order.

12. Email

Sean Burke went over the email procedures for School council correspondence.

13. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 2nd, 2010 at 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

submitted by Dean Menchions