

**St. Paul's School Council Meeting  
Oct. 28, 2009**

In attendance: Tammy Hallet-Boddie (chair), Christina Pike, Victoria Etchegary, Susan Beiger, Rob Cowan, Karen Kennedy

1. Tammy called the meeting to order and welcomed all members. Minutes were reviewed and adopted.
2. Principal's Report
  - a. Ms. Pike discussed the St. Paul's CRT results noting that the school had performed above average in all areas. She indicated that teams were being put together to make recommendations /set goals for the School Development Plan. There was some discussion of the results in the areas of poetry and Mathematics. It was suggestion that the Math League concept be explored to include more Grade 7s and 8s.
  - b. Ms. Pike noted that the school has begun its recycling program and that this program will support the school's sustainable development efforts and be a revenue generator for the school.
  - c. She noted that the school will be endeavouring to hold dances monthly.
  - d. Mr. Cowan noted that the Friday Gym Nights are off to good start with more than 100 students attending. These are held every second Friday.
3. Business Arising
  - a. St. Paul's Association
    - i. Information was clarified about the role of the Council and the process for accessing monies from the Association. It was noted that approximately \$15,000 is generated from this Association annually.
  - b. Cheque Policy
    - i. Following up from a request of a council member at the last meeting, Ms. Pike noted that cheques are the preferred method for receiving funds at the school. This will be communicated to all parents in a forthcoming newsletter.
  - c. Protocol Agreement
    - i. It was agreed that a new Protocol Agreement will be signed between the School and the School Council. Ms. Pike will provide a copy to the chair.
  - d. Individuals/Groups
    - i. It was noted that there were some concerns regarding the supply of soap and paper towels in the washrooms. Ms. Pike indicated she would follow up and also noted that hand sanitizers have been installed for every classroom.
    - ii. In light of the recent initiative to organize and fund-raise for a soccer field, it was suggested that a track field also be explored. Ms. Pike to follow up.
  - e. New Business
    - i. Awards Program – there was some discussion about reviewing the end-of-year Awards program. Ms. Pike will discuss the program with staff. The item was deferred for further discussion at the next meeting.

St. Paul's School Council Meeting  
Nov. 25, 2009

In attendance: Tammy Hallet-Boddie (chair), Christina Pike, Colin Saunders, Victoria Etchegary, Todd Osmond, Jean Harding, Susan Drover, Pam Mackey

1. Tammy called the meeting to order. Minutes were reviewed and adopted.
2. Principal's Report
  - Ms. Pike indicated that the Math League was starting at St. Paul's.
  - Ms. Pike indicated that she had reviewed the Student Achieve system at another school. She also indicated that if the school were to implement Student Achieve or a similar system it would be for the short term at this point as the Department of Education is investigating various similar systems.
  - Ms. Pike noted that there are specific criteria for the awards that are presented at year end. There was some discussion about making these criteria available to us.
  - Ms. Pike did some further review of the CRT results showing further detail on how the results are interpreted. Again, she indicated that the St. Paul's results were above average. The results are still useful in determining areas which could use improvement. There was some discussion about whether the CRT results for grade 6 could help determine how to approach the grade 7 curriculum.
  - Ms. Pike indicated that there is a school closure on Dec. 4.
  - Ms. Pike indicated that the school is in the process of revising its mission statement.
  - Ms. Pike noted that the H1N1 immunizations have completed at St. Paul's.
  - Ms. Pike indicated that the ban on outside activities, such as sports tournaments and field trips, would be lifted as of Nov. 30.
  - Ms. Pike noted that the report cards would be released on Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and parent teacher meetings would be held on Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The teachers attending the meeting indicated that bringing students to the parent teacher meetings is encouraged – there is nothing that will be said at the parent teacher meeting that the student does not know or should not know.

3. Business Arising

- Fundraising

- It was noted that there are several initiatives planned to raise money for smart boards. The fundraisers include:
  - school dances
  - cafeteria
  - fish product sale
- Information was clarified around recycling fundraisers. The government, through the MMSB, matches funds raised through recycling. The matching funds go to the school and must be used to benefit the entire school. Ms. Pike will provide further information to the council related to this.
- Individuals/Groups
  - It was noted that there were some concerns regarding the supply of soap and paper towels in the washrooms. Ms. Pike indicated she would follow up.
  - There was some concern voiced related to dust in the gym. Ms. Pike to follow up.
- New Business
  - Several questions arose about what the school does in terms of community involvement around the holiday season. It was noted that various teachers undertake a variety of community-minded initiatives such as:
    - The United Way stuff a sock campaign
    - Class gifts for the Happy Tree
    - Christmas pancake breakfast for all students
  - Several parents noted that there are a variety of approaches to how teachers communicate to the parents. Some teachers use TeacherWeb heavily while others don't. While the teachers are not required to use TeacherWeb and the students should be recording the work that is required of them, parents feel that an online tool could be beneficial in helping parents ensure that students who need assistance get the help they need. Student Achieve and K-12 Planet may have functionality that helps with this. Ms. Pike will check with the teachers to see their views on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting scheduled for Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.