

E.L. Crossley School Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting - ABRIDGED
December 12, 2006

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Amendment to minutes to include Members in attendance. Amended minutes of November 14, 2006 approved. Motioned by Member, seconded by Secretary.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda of December 12, 2006 approved. Motioned by Treasurer, seconded by Member.

Correspondence:

Chair presented a number of items. Information from Sue Greer regarding the principal/vice-principal profile given to Vice-Chair. People for Education newsletter included article on the recent PRO School Grants as well as one regarding the ruling of the BC Supreme Court which denied schools the right to charge for courses, course materials, musical instruments and the like under the BC School Act. Automatic notification can be set up for the Ministry of Education website. No word yet on the successful applicants for the PRO School Grants. Letters have been sent to invite our feeder schools to the January 16 SAC meeting and will be sent for the February meeting once details are confirmed with Pauline.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance including calendar activity to date is \$3,860.62.

Committee Updates:

Art Calendar Contest

Secretary reported where, when and the success at the various locations for calendar sales. Only 10 calendars remain and although we could sell more, it would require additional trips to the printer and would change the overall numbers expected for Sobey's redemptions. Thank you to our supporters will be placed in the local newspapers. Original artwork to be put on display for the January 18 Grade 8 evening.

Adopt A Road

Chair noted the next event will take place April 21 with April 28 as the rain date.

Communications

Vice-Chair reported the webpage will be updated after Christmas.

Grad Breakfast

Letters to be sent in new year to request gifts from local businesses. Some gifts remain on hand from last year.

Old Business:

Community Representative

Chair will follow up in the new year.

Review of Constitution/Roles of Executive

Tabled to next meeting.

School Grant Proposal

No information available on successful applicants.

Guest Speakers

Sue Augustine as a potential speaker tabled until next meeting due to costs and different structures available. ELCSS resource teachers to be approached as future guest speakers.

New Business:

SAC parents requested to attend Grade 8 Parent Night January 18. The program runs from 6:30 to 7:15 and then parents/students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the school and view various rooms and displays.

School Updates:

Principal. reported the new driveway directional arrows may have to be changed for clarification. The school has received two bids for the new sign. Due to 900' of trenching required and the 6'x10' sign to include a 2'x4' two-sided LED display, the quotes range from \$26,000 to \$31,000. Options are being considered to reduce the cost. Major graffiti issue in boy's washrooms over a short period of time. With no concrete evidence, the 4-5 suspects were not suspended, but the police and the principal had discussions with both the suspects and their parents. Police and search dogs were called in for a locker search due to reports of crystal meth. now in the Fonhill area. Nothing was located on school property.

Vice-Principal. reported on Special Education Survey, the results of which will be used in the upcoming budget. Meeting to be held January 11 after school with various stakeholders. Input requested from at least 5 ELCSS parents with children using special education programs. Exam schedule with no conflicts will likely be available prior to Christmas break and will be posted on school website.

O.A.T.T.

Principal.: Reminder of Christmas Concert December 14 and Christmas Cheer pickup December 21. Parent assistance requested to offload cube van at Salvation Army, East Main St., Welland.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2007

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm, motioned by Secretary, seconded by Vice-Chair.