

## **JACOB BEAM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** **October 16th, 2008**

**Present:** Doug *Allan* (Chair), Gina *Allan*, Tammy *Allen*, Laurie *Arsenault*, Catharine *Barbau* (Brock student), Bev *Boden*, Andrea *Brownstein*, Krista *Capes*, Alison *Clayson*, Paul *Clayson*, Heather *Habgood*, Kathy *Horton*, Mami *Hurd* (ISP Teacher Representative), Kim *Johnston*, Brad *Klos* (Brock student), Tracy *Leemet* (Principal), Leisa *Lenko* (Community Representative), J.J. *McKnight* (Brock student), Jackie *Phelps*, Lori *Shuker*, Kelly *Sparks* (Education assistant), Tammy *Strongitharon*, Carla *Warner* (Brock student), Sandra *Whalen*, Wenonah *Tallman*  
**Absent:** Michelle *Bartlett*, Ann *Martin*, Susan *Stewart*,

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### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW SPIRIT WEAR**

- Hope to have order forms for Christmas orders
- Samples at front
- Prices up for parents to see, should be very reasonable

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order. The approval of the September 11<sup>th</sup> minutes are set off till the next meeting as members had not had a chance to review them prior. Student council members were just getting started so there was no student council representative at this meeting.

### **ISP PRESENTATION – MAMI HURD AND KELLY SPARKS**

- An in school team meeting is held if a teacher feels a student is struggling.
- An Individual Education Plan (IEP) may result from this meeting.
- Written record of what they want the child to achieve and how it will help them achieve it.
- Specialist may also be involved to decide if learning disability or other diagnosis is present.
- If there is one, the child would have IPRC (Identification Placement and Review Committee) meeting
- It would then be determined what is the best way to program for this identified student.
- Previously the child would be placed in a special education class and pulled from their regular classes for intensive support.
- The program then progressed so that students would be placed on the class roll but when it came time for literacy and math they would leave the class for intensive support.
- NOW the program comes to the students. The teachers assist the students in the classroom.
- Ministry Guidelines = Education for All is the name of the document
- Elevation piece, students are beginning to realize that they are not doing the same activity as others. Hoping to teach the kids that that is o.k. The goal is to have the kids like school and feel successful.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Food Drive organized by Ms Klompmaker and Mrs Martin was a huge success - we collected over 1400 items for the West Lincoln Community Care - Mr Contonis's class collected the most with honourable mentions to Mr Woelks and Mr Hannahson's ME class.
- The DSBN cross country meet occurred on Wed afternoon at Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls - Jacob Beam had 9 students who qualified to go which in itself is impressive - we had 2 gold medalists with Tracy Myers in gr 6 and Calvin Bond in gr 8 coming in first in their divisions - a big thank you to Mr Chuchman for all of his time and effort and to all of the parents who supported the runners
- We have had the Art Gallery in this month and as you walk down the halls you will see some fabulous pieces of art
- We had our first ever Sub day thanks to the help of Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Hayward and some gr 8 students - it was a success and we are excited to offer it again on the 29<sup>th</sup> - any profit will go towards the intermediate year end trip
- Our Int vball teams have been working and had the first games tonight - they are being coached by Mr Millin and Mr Sotola
- The junior vball teams are just beginning and Ms Schneider and Mr Hannahson are coaching the juniors
- On the PA day last week the staff spent the entire day dissecting the information from the EQAO looking at trends based on question type, target expectations, etc - at the next school council meeting, we will spend some time showing you an example of what that looks like and how we use the information - we did find that we higher order questioning, problem solving in math and text forms and features are some of the areas we need to focus on for this year
- Recognition assembly is on 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:40
- Halloween activities - we will have an earlier lunch that day and the grades 6-8 will have a dance in the pm - there will be parade through the school beginning at 1:00 if parents want to come and watch the students we will parade through the school and then outback on the pavement
- Magazine sales ended up Tuesday and Mrs Bartlett has been busy tabulating at the office - we don't have a final total yet but we will let you know as soon as we do
- A big thank you to the Character ed committee for the trees in the hallway - they look great and the sayings are straight and to the point for the students
- On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> which is Take your kid to work day for the gr 9s, the gr 8s will be off to spend the day at BDSS - these activities are planned so they get a chance to mingle with the other gr 8s in the region but to also get use to the new school and meet some of the staff there as well
- We have 8 student teachers presently in the building - 7 from Brock and 1 from Nipissing university - we love their enthusiasm and an extra pair of hands is always helpful
- The 2/3 class and the gr 1 class are having their sinks and cupboards replaced - it has caused quite a mess but it will look great when it is done
- PRO grant - last year we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$500 for some books for parents - this year I am going to put a proposal in to get a TV screen in the foyer that would broadcast special events and things happening in the school - the proposal is due by the end of the month
- On Wed Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8:45 at the St. Catharines Collegiate the School Council Liaison Committee is hosting the Celebrating Councils' Contributions - there is a light supper provided and there is a choice of 8 workshops - they would like registrations by Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- No correspondence.
- Letter to council for one time grant for playground will be taken care of by Doug Allan.
- No response from Don Love re: parking lot issue.
- Pachereva has the drawings now

**Action:** Doug to prepare letters for playground grant and parking lot issue.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

We have an opening balance of \$917.15 in one account and \$2,121.75 in the playground account.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- Laurie has many feelers out to various companies to try and get a donated playground.
- Pub night will happen sometime in February.

**CHARACTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Deferred Item: Laminated plaque. Krista Capes advised the laminated plaque was delayed. It's still on it's way and should be here for next meeting.
- Need to set Gingerbread Shop date: Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Babysitting course for 10-15 year olds to be advertised.
  - November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the library
  - December 29<sup>th</sup> 9-5
  - \$48.00 (includes materials)

**Action:** Tracy to advertise babysitting course.

**NEXT MEETING: November 13th at 6:00 p.m.**