

Parent Council Meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Attendance: Scott Young, Kadri Jessop, Linda Mullins, Joanie Ryan, Maria Powell, Jillian Fenik, Helen Wallace, Rob Theriault, Liane Brassard, Chris Wagg, Nancy Hyde, Mary Santos, Neil McKay, DM Matheson, Deb McCormick

ITEM	Discussion	Action/Decision
1.	Review of Agenda/ Minutes: Approved by Rob Theriault; 2 nd Joanie Ryan	
2.5	<p>New Council Review: Approval of Executive: 15 voting members - Linda Mullins, Tammy Ovens, Joanie Ryan, Maria Powell, Jillian Fenik, Helen Wallace, RobTheriault, Liane Brassard, Chris Wagg, Nancy Hyde, Mary Santos, Tanya Bingham, Nancy Hyde, Neil Mackay, DM Matheson</p> <p>Last year’s annual report can be found on ARES website</p>	
2.6	<p>Protocol for Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes will be on the website, but will be a month behind • 1st and 2nd required for voting • PC Members reminded of meeting etiquette • Imperative that the agenda is respected so meetings can be run in an efficient, timely manner • New Business items should be emailed to Neil or Scott • Items on agenda will be on website (alr.scdsb.on.ca) 	
3.	<p>Principal’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trips <p>Scott listed costs of school trips/grade which ranged from \$60-100. ARES also boasts 15 sports teams and 20 clubs Suggested that PC look for ways to continue to support students at school so they are able to access the same opportunities that they currently enjoy For non-curricular opportunities- the school cannot ask for \$ from families; Scott believes it is essential to continue supporting these activities/clubs that clearly benefit students. Scott is asking PC to assist with monetary costs, but he will ensure the clubs are maintained and paid for, regardless, from the school basic budget (approx 55k)</p>	<p>PC will vote next meeting when teachers submit “wish lists.” PC will also determine fundraising plan at next meeting</p>

<p>3.1</p> <p>4.0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQAO Results will be posted on school website. ARES results • School Improvement Plan Kadri introduced PC to new Restorative Justice; this conflict resolution model will be used as the new framework for settling/solving student disputes/bullying etc, at ARES. Teachers will be provided in-school training at staff meetings and on PA days • Grade 8 Meeting Liane indicated that there was a lack of volunteer support in the information returned to her after “Meet the Teacher” night. Wondering about a proposed meeting that was set for this Thursday, but information was not sent home GR 8 fundraising needs to be made a priority since there are an unusually high number of grads this year. <p>Treasurer’s Report PC has a monetary surplus. Funds will be redirected in GL accounts in order to have a fresh start this school year. (Specific information can be found in budget)</p> <p>October 21, 2011 is deadline for teacher requests. Chris Wagg suggested sending voting members a list of requests prior to Nov1 meeting in order to expedite the process. Allows people to have a preview and members can come prepared with questions they may have regarding same</p> <p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Arrival- Needs Monday volunteers • Garden Committee- nobody to take on the responsibility of the garden; Nancy suggested emailing the members of the previous committee to see if anyone willing to take over the leadership • Fun Lunch/Milk- Nothing to report • Lunch Lady- Nothing to report 	<p>Ongoing: See SIP</p> <p>Ongoing: See SIP</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>All in favour/no opposed</p> <p>Liane will collect from teachers</p> <p>Information will be in next newsletter</p>
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5.0	Staff Report- teachers will be advised to submit wish lists for Oct 21	Deb McCormick – Oct 21
7.0	New Business	
7.1	Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas for this year Fun lunch, movie night x 2; popcorn sales; bowling evening for families; 2 disco dances, gr 4-6 and 7-8; dress-up days run by student leadership committee; prize draws; raffles • it was agreed that parents often feel financially stretched when it comes to school obligations; hence, fundraising projects should be kept to a reasonable amount and should avoid asking parents to purchase unnecessary items • Following meeting held off-site, fundraising projects for this year will include events the students can manage at school • Next meeting will discuss/finalize fundraising in greater detail- once teacher wish lists are compiled 	November 1 Meeting
7.2	Music IQ Program will continue at lunch; parents very happy with this in-school enrichment opportunity	
7.3	Parent Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Communication and Support Toolkits are very expensive to print; hence, link will be placed on newsletter • “Parent Corner” will be placed in newsletter 	Scott PEC
7.4	Math help Liane suggested/requested formation of a math club after school that would assist intermediate students with math concepts	Kadri
7.5	Popcorn Machine Purchase - Chris Wagg suggested PC purchase a popcorn machine that will assist with in-school fundraising. The machines are currently on sale	Unanimous vote. Chris will oversee purchase of popcorn machine and cart