

Essex P.S. School Council  
April 2, 2014  
Minutes

In attendance: Susan Stewart, Letizia Iozzo, Darlene Eriksen, Nicole Belcourt, George Lopes, Patti Parashos, Vanda Lopes, Lin Kwan, Milisa Burns, Liz Codallo, Karin Trevett

Co-Chairs: Patti Parashos and Vanda Lopes

Note Taker: Karin Trevett

1. **Presentation** by Milisa Burns: *Helping Our Children Fulfill Their Potential*
2. **Approval of minutes** --Patti approves, Darlene seconds
3. **Principal's Report.** Jim Stathopoulos  
-The Board has approved and emergency roof repair. Because it is an emergency, it has to be done while the kids are at school. The east end of the building is underway, and the west end will follow. All safety precautions have been taken. Kids relocated. Ventilation system is off. Industrial fan is in use. If people have concerns, or if children are not feeling well, please inform the office. Public health has been in to check.

Staffing: We are down 2 teachers for next year. Down to 18.  
Half time prep teacher.  
Half time resource teacher.  
Full junior teacher  
2 JK/SK  
Grade 1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6

This year there has been a focus on Intermediate. Looking at shifting to rotary system for Intermediate next year.

Next year focus is on the Primary.

Grade 7 has Wait List  
Clinton and Palmerston attended Open House  
Idea to promote Essex: testimonials on School Blog

Next year no recess for grade 7&8  
Straight rotary- try to increase gym time to compensate

Mr. Mulner has retired. Mr. Jung has replaced him.

Ms. DaCosta is on leave through May

4. **Treasurer's Report.** George  
Balance \$7,965.62

Letizia asked about Scientist in Schools not being billed

Nobody has invoiced them yet.

5. **Fundraising.** Letizia

Bingo was a success

Garage Sale – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Donate gently used items  
Volunteers needed

Patti asked about end-of-year bbq  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, provisional date

Next Meeting May 14th