

Essex Street Public School Council Meeting

February 27, 2014 @6 p.m.

Minutes

Chair: Patti Parashos

Note Taker: Karin Trevett

Attendees: Lynne Martens, Darlene Eriksen, George Lopes, Wendy Traas, Jim Stathopoulos, Patti Parashos, Nicole Belcourt, Karin Trevett, Lin Kwan

Patti approves minutes. George seconds.

**1. Principal's Report**

Jim Stathopoulos provided the Principal's Report:

- Asian Heritage Assembly was a great success. Thanks to all who helped.
- Ski trip was a success. Jim may not need all or any of \$500.00
- February 4<sup>th</sup> Open House was a success, drawing students from Clinton and Palmerston. Essex has received 25 Optional Attendance forms.
- 15 kids registered for Kindergarten, meeting projection. Numbers for Kindergarten low but not bad.
- Report Cards home on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Looking at bringing Real Food for Real Kids to the Lunch Program. Jim is looking at using the subsidy (from Toronto Foundation for Student Success) to offset the cost.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

George Lopez provided the Treasurer's Report:

- Presented the Non-Board Financial Plan
- Balance is at \$8,238.96
- Big credit from Pizza lunch
- Conversation about subsidizing Quebec Trip. Non-Board Financial Plan calls for 20% of all fundraising. Traditionally Council has given \$1,500

**3. Fundraising Report**

Nicole Belcourt provided the Fundraising Report:

- Garage Sale planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Bingo Night April 11<sup>th</sup> Asking Sobey's for donation. Prizes needed.
- Nicole was asked about fundraising for the Arts. Jim has booked an artist to do a mural with K to 8 kids. Mural will be in the gym, and on the subject of the environment. George recommends a former Essex student who is a mural artist. Jim will consider.
- No movie night
- Provisional date for (soon to be renamed) Greenstock is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Parent Academy Report**

Lynne Martens provided the report:

- Internet Safety Workshop went well. Same officer will present to Grade 7 and 8 kids.
- Model Schools is organizing workshop April 5<sup>th</sup>. Busing available to Thistleton Collegiate.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Hawthorne is hosting Ward 10 meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Major leaks at in Hawthorne Kindergarten area and west end 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Repairs during March Break.
- Big Crunch, a nation-wide event promoting healthy eating, on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Promotes locally grown food. All kids get an apple. Costs \$97.50. Call for student volunteers to wash and distribute apples.
- Next meeting Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>.