

Minutes from Parent Council

May 14th, 2014

Note: Minutes started late. All minutes were not recorded until Principal's report:

Principal's Report:

- Staffing is moving along nicely
- There is a 3rd vacancy posting coming out soon
- Essex hired a fabulous teacher for their half vacancy
- Reminder that nothing is set with staffing (moves, transfers, etc) and the parents will be informed by report card at the end of the year to whose teaching what
- A lot of thought and care goes into placing kids and teacher placements
- Next year: Moving to rotary with one math teacher, one language teacher, etc.
Big thank you to Ms. Patterson for her hard work with timetabling, etc.

- Show Choir Canada: performed and they came in 2nd place.
- A big thank you to all the teacher's and students involved who worked hard to make this happen.
- Acknowledgement is in the Hawthorne office right now (the plaque)

Treasury Report:

- The balance is approximately 8-9 thousand
- The garage sale brought in around 750.00. Thank you to everyone who helped make that happen
- Need: 1500 for Quebec, 500 for Island school
- New initiative to raise about 14000.00 for new computers in the library and computer lab (this will be a joint venture with Hawthorne)
- Can give from Spring Fling?
- Good news on the music front. There is a new music teacher in their who has purchased many new instruments
- Spring Fling-Jim is going in Dunk Tank

Parent Academy

- Lynn will send all the info to the blog
- Parent conference
- Model School conference
- Parenting guru
- Babysitting course

Parent Grant

- Everyone can look at grant application need to be careful how we spend the grant money
- Need to justify experiences
- Bill for that amount
- Jim and Nancy will figure our receipts

Ward Report

- Karen is absent

Other Business

- "We love Essex"-sheets to say why we love Essex
- Want to put testimonials on the website
- Can send testimonials to 'llovessex@essexpublicschool.com'
- Fence-the other school is replacing the fence
- Speaking about filling in the hole in Essex fence with chain link

Jim's Message

- -So happy to see everyone out
- -Speaks volumes to commitment
- Any concerns, Jim and Natalie's doors are always open