

Essex PC Meeting May 20 6:30

In attendance: Jim Stathopoulos, Natalie Patterson, Samrra Khaja, Jack Phillips, Nicole Belcourt, Jean Hammond, Adriana Machado daCosta

Volunteers for Spring Fling

Jim to send emails to teachers to sign up for 1 hour shifts

Students from Harbord and other schools have signed up

Assunta to be hired 2:30 to 5:00 to watch max. 8 kids of volunteers as they set up Police – ask has been made to K9 and Mounted unit – Natalie

Treasurers' Report

Model Schools grant \$1,000 needs to be added to the budget to offset T-shirt sales

Next year's PRO grant will go toward parent education if we get it. Application was submitted by Mike P. yesterday.

Receipts for pizza, ice cream, etc. to be submitted to Nancy totaling \$1,000 for this year's PRO grant which was tied to Spring Fling in previous application.

Cheque for \$750 to be issued to EduTravel. PC will cover half the subsidy amount. School will cover the balance.

Essex parent is assisting to develop an achievable modification to TDSB plan for Garden (he works in Greening Department of TDSB). Call will be issued to Essex and Hawthorne parents to help with planting June 12th from 4-7pm and 13th from 9:20 am -2:00 pm

Jack moved to allocate the \$1000 earmarked for the Ski Trip (which Model Schools covered and PC did not) to the 7/8 Quebec Trip for a total of \$1,750. Motion was passed.

Principal's Report

Work to Rule – Teachers' Union has put EQAO on hold. Teachers are to only generate marks (no comments) to be given to administration (Natalie) to input. Kindergarten reports will have 1 comment per box.

Negotiations are on-going with the Ministry

Roof Overhang – Public Health was contacted by a parent as chipping paint under the overhang was found to contain a small amount of lead. Outside contractor was in over the weekend and installed a temporary enclosure to contain all the falling paint chips. The full removal of the paint from the overhang should commence on June 29th, when school is out. The job should take about 3- 4 weeks to complete.

Staffing

Final round is going on now. VP role has not yet been filled. Hope is to have new VP have some overlap with Natalie.

Plans to resod half of the yard at the back of the school.

Plans for outdoor lunch on hold until Fall.

Kindergarten information night was well attended. Teachers will be reaching out to parents to book a short 1:1

Popcorn Sale on Friday went well – raised \$380 for earthquake victims in Nepal

Miss Kwan is off sick through to the end of the year. LTO to cover the position.

Real Food for Real Kids – Laura Bailey will send a survey around shortly so that a decision for next year can be made before the end of this year.

Health & Wellness Committee

Jim has suggested the use of the on-site BBQs for the June Lunch Buddies

Jim would like to create a Health and Safety committee for next year with reps. From Essex and Hawthorne to deal with site/building and neighbourhood matters.

Lice Check was successful. On-going funds will need to be allocated for next year – twice a year at approx.. \$1/kid

June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 16 at 6pm. This meeting will include an appreciation dinner for those who have volunteered their time this year. At this meeting we will focus our discussion on how to engage more parents to attend Council meetings and sign up for key volunteer positions such as pizza lunch.