

## Essex P.S. Parent Council Meeting Minutes November 24, 2015

### **Principal's Report (Jim Stathopoulos):**

- Work to Rule for teaching staff is now over and regular routines are getting back to normal
- Work to Rule continues for support staff – still waiting for their vote to be ratified
- New director for TDSB to be announced soon
- High schools are now on Work to Rule
- Progress Reports going home Dec 10 (grade 1-8)
- SK's will not get a report card this term (they will receive one in June)
- JK's will get their report in Feb. (TBA maybe SK's as well)
- "Bully in the Beanstalk" performance for grade 1-8 (anti-bullying play) went well
- Real Food for Real Kids has successfully launched. (K-8; currently three days a week - Mon, Tues and Wed; full subsidy for 5 students)
- Planning for Grade 7-8 Ski Trip has begun – January 7

### **Treasurer's Report (Nicole Belcourt & David Wood):**

- What do we want to spend our money on?
- \$100 for each class (teachers to provide receipts to Council)
- Council will fund one "Scientist in Schools" program per class

### **Fundraising Report (Samarra Khaja):**

- Monster Mixer for both schools went well, nice way to start the school year
- Bingo raised \$2, 129.15 profit
- Spring Bingo planned (instead of the garage sale) – maybe April
- Planning for the year end Spring Fling will begin in January (meetings TBA)
- June 3 – tentative date for Spring Fling
- On-going Book Sale outside of the school's main office
- Essex spirit wear was on sale during Bingo Night – did well – suggestion put forth to support a toque sale

### **Health and Wellbeing Committee Update (Milisa Burns):**

- Phone meeting took place
- "Lunch Buddies" is currently happening each month. New design to facilitate more interaction between students was suggested (e.g., do some physical activities together first, then a bag lunch, then go out for recess together)
- "Recess Buddies" will begin again soon

- Inclusion Workshops will begin soon for/with students
- First Parent Book Club meeting happened tonight “No Drama Discipline”, prior to the Parent Council meeting
- Idea proposed to try another Parent Book Club “How Children Succeed” by Paul Tough (maybe give more time to read this time before the book meeting – dates TBA)

**Parent Link Update (Sue Hutton):**

- Concern raised there are too many emails going out and duplicates between Parent Link and Blog updates – looking to streamline the messages going out

**Next Parent Council Meetings:**

- Wed, Jan 27, 2016 @6:30 (Book Club at 6:00)
- Mon, Feb 29, 2016 @6:30 (Book Club at 6:00)
- Wed, March 30, 2016 @6:30 (Book Club at 6:00)
- Tues. May 10, 2016 @6:30 (Book Club at 6:00)
- Wed. June 22, 2016 @6:30 (Book Club at 6:00)

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 27 @ 6:30pm  
Book Club @ 6:00pm**