

Essex Parent Council
Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2016

Principal's Report

- EQAO: Grade 3 and 6 assessment in reading, writing, and mathematics; May 30, 31 and June 1
- Leak in roof overhang is slated to be corrected soon
- "Double Treble" (Glee Team for grades 4-8) had another incredible performance this year. They placed 2nd and won best choreography. A HUGE thank you to Ms. daCosta, Ms Bowie, and Mr. Ruan for supporting and inspiring our students towards greatness!
- Past Character Ed Assembly was super! Several classes performed songs, poems, and dances.
- Theatricks is currently working with students in grades K-6.
- We are very lucky to have Yoga continue to work with students in grades K-8.
- **Time changes for next school year**, Sept 2016: The school will start 10 minutes earlier so that there is no overlap during recess with Sacre Coeur (the French school to the west). Entry is at 8:45am. Same dismissal time 3:20pm - Gr. 1-8 and 3:05pm - JK/SK. Students in Grades 7-8 will receive morning and afternoon recess.
- **Entry procedures for next school year**: Essex JK/SK students will be escorted to their classrooms by a parent/guardian. However, grades 1-8 will wait outside with teacher supervision and line up outside near their preassigned door at their entry bell.
- Sports Update: Track and Field grade 3-8, Ultimate Frisbee grade 7-8, soccer grades 3-6 (2 teams)
- Staffing Update: Keith Cressy is replacing Ms. Bowie until the end of the school year. He will start a new Vinyl Club this year! We welcome a new French teacher Tanya Lim to Essex, replacing Ms. Davies for the following 7 weeks as she continues her education.

Treasurer's Report

- Funds Available look great, as expected.

Spring Fling Update

- Jessica and Ruth are the Volunteer Coordinators this year
- Sign-up sheets are currently on council bulletin board, blogs and parent links emails
- If you can help in any way, please email springflinga@gmail.com
- Silent Auction, organized by Allison Venditti – will be on line this year, May 20 to June 3
www.32auctions.com/fling
- Need for Kids Books, Cook Books, DVD- bring them outside the office (now until June 2)
- Need for Baked Goods for the Spring Fling

Health and Well-Being Committee Update

- Lunch Buddies continue, event this week making pizzas and yogurt parfait (guided discussions and activities)
- Buddy Bench is now in place! If students are feeling lonely they can sit on the Buddy Bench. Other children may notice, approach, and ask them to join their play. *spirit of inclusivity

Looking Ahead for Next Year

- Parent Council positions are available for next year
- Web position filled for next school year
- Fundraising Committee Position Open

Upcoming Dates

- June 3 – Spring Fling (3:30pm – 7:30pm)
- June 22 – Parent Council Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (6:30pm)

