



AGINCOURT SCHOOL COUNCIL

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School Council Meeting February 16, 2010

Attendance: Penny Mayo, Beth Doering, Shirley Brackenbury, Heather Esdon, Charmaine Kippen, Brenda Wilkins, Beverly Doraty, Norah Vollmer, Janet Li, Gina B, Julie Parker

Welcome and Introduction.

Minutes of January 19, 2010 meeting approved without amendments.

New Business – Penny Mayo

- Anniversary/birthday cake party for Agincourt's 50th

Treasurer Report – Janet Li

- Janet Li presented and circulated the Income and Expenses report for 2009-2010 School Year showing available funds at \$6,093.90. A detailed report is available upon request.

Principal Report – Shirley Brackenbury

- The school expressed their thanks for monies allocated so far. Books have been purchased for both the reading room and for guiding reading.
- There are 107 new students registered for September at this time with the majority being for JK
- The Board has put a new transfer policy in place in order to promote community-building. Only 5 cross-boundry transferred will be allowed per school and must be agreed upon by the both the receiving school and the "community" school Principals.
- Bill 157 "Safe Schools" has come into effect as of February 1. It revises policies and procedures dealing with suspension and expulsion, moving from a zero-tolerance policy to progressive discipline. All Board employees are required to intervene immediately if they are witness to a suspendible or expulsion-able offence. The offence must be reported and recorded, the Principal is required to respond in writing and provide a copy of the response to the reporting individual. A copy of the form is placed in the student's OSR until the end of the year when I can be pulled out if judged appropriate.
- Agincourt has seen improvement in the SMART goal in math. Both data and teacher feedback have shown success. The next goal will be in dealing with open-ended questions – having the students pull information from something they're shown and

express their own opinions on it, in their own words. After March break teachers will be focusing on improving this concept over a 4 week period.

- Agincourt raised \$1300 for the Haiti relief efforts. Board-wide the numbers were \$191,000.
- Mrs. Breeze's play is being held on March 31, with dress rehearsals on March 30.
- SK in Early French Immersion will now be a pre-requisite for Grade 1 French Immersion.

Vice-Principal - Beth Doering

- Working on the streamlining of school supplies – setting up a committee with teachers. Also examining Agendas (which ones for which children) for next year.

Teacher Report

- There was no teacher report at this time.

Events – Julie Parker

Booksale

- There is a committee of three coordinating the booksale this year. Volunteers are needed. The committee is looking into the issue of booksellers.

50th Anniversary (Brenda Wilkins)

- A variety of activities are being put into place in keeping with the school's 50th anniversary including music, riddles and trivia for the morning announcements. Toys are also being collected spanning the last 50 years to make up "kits" for teachers to show to the students.
- There will be a tie-in to the yearend BBQ in June

Birthday/Anniversary Party

- (Heather Esdon) There will be a birthday/anniversary party at the May 14 assembly to celebrate Agincourt's 50th with cake. There will be a separate cake for students with allergies. Beverly Doraty has volunteered to make the "allergy-friendly" cake.
- Vote was passed to allocate up to \$400 for the May 14 cake.

End of Year BBQ

- BBQ is scheduled for June 11th. The gym has been booked in case of rain.

OCACS Report – Norah Vollmer

- "Parent Reaching Out Grants" (OCIO?) is offering to bring their presentation on how OCACS and OCIO can help school councils (e.g. succession-planning, database of Q&As etc.).
- It was decided that Norah would present their information at the next Council meeting and report back to them on Council's response. **Action: The presentation would be added (20 minutes) to the next Council Agenda.**

Parental Involvement – Janet Li

- \$1,000 grant has been received. Ideas are currently being investigated for allocation of the funds (e.g. multi-cultural night, curriculum night, guest speaker)

Community Rep

- No report at this time.

Council Report – Penny Mayo

- The Rideau Canal Festival is offering a potential fund-raising activity of “adopt a metre” of the canal and has asked if Council wanted to hear more about the opportunity. *Action: Council agreed to decline the offer.*

***Fundsrip Fundraiser* – Gina Bies**

- Gina distributed further information on the gift card fundraiser.
- A small “mini-campaign” has been set up and the Council has been invited to try it out.
- Orders should be received by March 2 and cards would be available by the next Council meeting.
- It was suggested that information on the fundraiser will be distributed “school-wide” after Easter with the campaign running for 1 week.
- Participants can purchase their gift cards through electronic funds transfer or cheques.
- Questions were raised as to how to distribute information, collect cheques etc. A concern regarding potential INS cheques was raised and it was suggested that a limit for cheque amounts be issued.

Votes

- Vote to allot up to \$400 to purchase a cake for the May 14 assembly to celebrate Agincourt’s 50th Anniversary. – **PASSED BY GENERAL VOTE.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be