



- A new teacher has been hired and kids are currently in the library until the portable is ready in late November. The library will be closed to students until that time.
- Some supplies for the portable have been purchased and others will be shared between the teachers.
- The approach to hiring and setting up new classroom based on Board guidelines.

#### School Budget

- School budgets are based on full-time equivalents (kindergarten counts as .5) and based on projections.
- Entire budget is \$30,000 + a \$260 allocation for late buses (transportation to track and cross country meets).
- There is \$700 to help with interview time for kindergarten children.
- Of the \$30,000, a total of \$6,879 has been spent (school and office supplies, art supplies, equipment, furniture, photocopying).
- There is a separate fund for replacing teachers when they are away.
- The only way to get money from the Board is if you are opening a brand new program.

#### **Vice-Principal - Beth Doering**

##### T-shirts

- Agincourt t-shirts are available for purchase in the office. T-shirts are \$5.00, \$7.00 for the long-sleeve, sweatshirts are \$10.00
- Agincourt is on the web for Schools on the Move 2009
- EQAO scores are in and are being reviewed

##### Agincourt's results

- Reading – Board 63 Agincourt 75
- Writing – Board 69 Agincourt 78
- Math – Board 69 Agincourt 75
- Across the province the girls are outperforming the boys.
- Funding is going to the library to address the issues.
- The school improvement committee met to examine the EQAO scores and decided that Agincourt is lacking in the area of linear measurement. A “smart goal” (measurable) has been set. Grade teams have identified questions and administered them to the children without teaching to them to establish a baseline. The test will be re-administered after 6 weeks of teaching.

#### **Teacher Report** – (Mr. Paris)

- House league soccer (grades 4-5) finished today.
- Earth Care club will start tomorrow (grades 3, 4, 5) (Eco kids is for grades 1-3)
  - Will be in charge of recycling/milk recycling
- Agincourt is making progress in its Earth Care initiatives (score of 15/20).
  - Lots of progress in recycling
  - Litterless lunches will be encouraged

- Will decide on a special project
- Drama will start soon. The play will be about famous scientists.
- Mr. Paris is the Unicef rep for the school. A Unicef box will be at the Halloween Dance.
- David Pulsin- visiting author is coming tomorrow for grades 2-5
- Thank you from grade 2 teachers to parents who came in to talk about their culture.
- Primary house soccer league – 2 weeks left
- Character trait to be encouraged this month is respect
- Grade 5s are going to the ballet in December.

Mr. Cesarro

- Thank you to the Council for the new track shirts.
- Students did very well in cross-country.
- Basketball will be starting in a couple of weeks.
- A proposal will be put forward for a winter play day.
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#### **Events Coordinator – Penny for Julie**

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events – Brenda Wilkins will lead the planning committee.
- A discussion regarding entertainment books will take place at a future meeting.
- Thank you to Julie for running the entertainment guide fundraiser.
- Volunteers are still needed for gingerbread workshop and math kits.
- The gingerbread house workshop requires many volunteers for the event to be a success. If we do not have enough volunteers to run a successful event by October 30<sup>th</sup>, the event will be cancelled.
- Halloween Dance is on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Coordinator – Penny for Jodi Bodkins - report provided under events.**

#### **OCASC Report – Penny for Norah**

- Chalk it Up – possible speakers were proposed.
- Canterbury – Dr. Douglas Scholar will talk about anxiety and teens.
- Katimavik school asked about insurance – information should come in early November. It costs approximately \$180.
- Next year's school calendar will be difficult again due to the late Labour Day. There is an opportunity to give input on the regarding key dates on the Board web site.
- Next meeting will take place in November.

#### **Correspondence and New Business – Penny Mayo**

##### **Goals for Fundraising Money**

- When Council receive requests for funding, it is difficult as a parent group to see the bigger picture.

- It is proposed that Council brainstorm certain streams (i.e. field trips, literacy) and decide that a percentage of proceeds from a particular event be dedicated towards specific streams.
- We could look at programs that aren't subsidized in the school (i.e. arts, science, field trips, alternative learning strategies, numeracy, sports, clubs, gardening/school beautification, council events).
- Penny will look at the list of streams and propose amounts for each stream. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
- It is also proposed that each teacher receive a fixed amount per child for field trips that they could use for field trips or to bring speakers in (e.g. \$3/child).
- It would be helpful to encourage all teachers to take kids on a field trip/have a speaker in.
- Last year's Council recommended that this year's Council set funds aside for the grade 5 trip (approx \$1500) to thank them for how they help the school (lunch monitors, popcorn sales, help in kindergarten program, playground leaders etc.).
- An invitation to parents will be included in the newsletter asking them to share special skills/talents with the kids.

Nominations for teaching awards

- Penny has pamphlets

#### **Parent Involvement - Janet**

- Proposal for Parents Reaching Out grant has been submitted. Three activities are proposed (Curriculum night, multiculturalism and speaker – Dr. Maggie Mamen)

#### **Votes**

Vote to dedicate the proceeds from 3 popcorn sales (approx \$1500) to fund the grade trip – **PASSED BY GENERAL VOTE**

Vote to dedicate \$1600 to go towards a field trip/special events fund to be managed by teachers – **PASSED BY GENERAL VOTE**

Vote to let the submission for parent involvement grant stand – **PASSED BY GENERAL VOTE**

#### **Requests for money:**

1. Request for **\$500** for gingerbread workshop – **PASSED BY GENERAL VOTE**
2. Request for **\$260** Halloween Dance – **PASSED BY GENERAL VOTE**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 17, 2009.