

J. W. Walker School Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

7:00 p.m.

1) Welcome and introductions:

The meeting was opened by Catherine McGuire, Chair at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Bill Daley, Principal, Peg Keffer, Vice Principal, Catherine McGuire, Chair
Leslie Danielson, Secretary/Treasurer, Maureen Hayward, Nicole Jewell, Teaching Rep.,
Nancy Westover, Rhonda Spuzak

Regrets: Jenn Langtry, Non-Teaching Rep. Jody Hamilton

2) Review of previous school council meeting minutes – September 18, 2007

The previous minutes were read by Catherine McGuire and accepted by all in attendance.

3) Updates from Minutes:

School Improvement Plan:

School effectiveness training has been put on hold for the time being.

Canadian Tire Fundraiser:

We were able to raise \$300.00 to put towards outdoor play equipment.

4) New Business/Mail:

RRSDB Annual Budget Letter – Catherine McGuire, on behalf of the School Council requested funding for transportation.

Fundraising:

School Council has decided to have another Mother's Day Plant Fundraiser to raise money for band instruments. Catherine McGuire will contact Lowey's and get the template for the coupons from Jody Hamilton. The fundraiser will run from April 22nd until May 2nd. School Council will meet on Monday, May 5th at the school at the end of the day to organize the coupons. Coupons will be sent home on Wednesday, May 7th.

Thank You for Teachers:

Paul and Kim Redford called Catherine McGuire to see about sending baking trays in for the teachers on Thursday, March 20th, on behalf of all the parents, to thank them for their

support during the relocation of our students. The teachers and staff went above and beyond to make the transition as comfortable as possible for the students and parents.

Hot Lunch:

The hot lunch program will be starting up again on Tuesday, March 25th. Credit vouchers will be sent home with the students for the last menu, which was cancelled due to the fire. A new lunch order form will also be sent home for the next 2 week period.

Fruit Baskets:

Fruit baskets will be started again on Wednesday, March 26th. Thompson's receives their fresh fruit in on Tuesday afternoons, so Wednesday is the best day to ensure the quality of the baskets.

5) Principal's Report:

School Update:

In the early morning hours on Thursday, February 28th, there was an explosion and fire causing damage to the gymnasium at the school. The staff at the school worked hard over the next couple of days to make arrangements for alternate learning environments for the students. With the help of the staff and administration at the Rainy River District School Board, Robert Moore School, Huffman School and the Fort Frances High School, they had alternate locations and transportation for all of our students within 2 days. Wal-Mart came through with a huge donation of supplies needed by the staff and students during this time. Fortunately, there were no injuries and the damage to the school was minimal, the fire damage was limited to the gymnasium, and there was some water damage on the main and lower levels. The teachers worked hard to put their classrooms back together for the students' return to school today.

Music Program:

An alternate location is being looked at for the band to practice, since the gym cannot be used for the duration of the school year. There are a couple of possible locations, such as the Church basement across the street, the high school music room or the Townsend Theatre. The band has been entered in the music festival and has a couple of other possible performances scheduled at Donald Young School as well as the Townsend Theatre.

7) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.