

J. W. Walker School Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

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.
Rhonda Spuzak, Nancy Westover

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

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:

Grants for Musical Instruments:

Our application for a music grant has been rejected. We will re-apply next year.

Campbell's Soup Labels:

We are going to discontinue the Labels for Education program.

Breakfast for Teachers:

School Council will be hosting a pancake breakfast for teachers on Tuesday, December 4th from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Order forms will be sent out with students as well as a request for volunteers to flip pancakes and loan us griddles for the event. School Council members will meet on Monday, November 26th at 3:30 to go through order forms and prepare tickets for students.

Fruit Baskets:

Fruit baskets are going out every second week and the program is running smoothly. We will bump up the quantity for the SK students since they are running out fairly quickly.

Music Program:

John has been doing a great job, and about 30 – 35 students are participating.

4) New Business/Mail:

Mail – A survey has been received, Bill Daley will fill it out.

New Nutrition Break Menu – The new menu has received good feedback from students, parents and teachers.

5) Principal's Report:

Staffing:

Cathy Richards is now teaching JK and Stephanie Botsford is doing prep and SAT relief.

Recycling:

The school has expanded their recycling program to include paper, cardboard, plastic and composting.

School Improvements:

The playground will be outlined by trees between the High School and J.W.Walker playground at a cost of \$1000.00.

The Maintenance Department is providing a new lighted sign for the school, and the concrete has been poured.

Sight and Sound has given us a great deal on a 42 inch flat screen television which will be mounted above the display units in the lobby. It will run constantly with pictures of school activities. Hopefully the Christmas concert will also be broadcast on the screen as well as on the web site.

Toronto Field Trip:

There are approximately 60 students interested in participating in the field trip. The bus has been tentatively booked for June 13 – 20, 2008.

Reading Groups:

We are looking at changing the model for the morning literacy block. Rather than have the students withdrawn to work with teachers outside of the classroom, the teachers will work together to teach all students in the regular classroom. Students will still be taught at their developmental level and will receive extra help where needed.

7) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.