

Minutes for Council Meeting, May 31st 2010

Mark chaired the meeting

1)-Update on the Peel School Board's Funding Equity issues

- The funding formula has been revised and will be phased in over 3 – 4 years at 25% a year
- Schools being overfunded will gradually be phased out (i.e. the overfunding)
- The trustees are not too happy about this and are changing tactics
- A Google group has been set up; there was interest but no one wants to take a leadership role; Now dormant.
- Board has to be non political so can't get too involved.
- Mark will still be involved if it continues with some leadership.
- The group needs a manager to lead the project
- Jeff White, superintendent is willing to help and can provide board information.
- The group has to be community lead

Ram and Shaila to meet with Mark and Jeff to discuss this further

(2)- Discussion regarding 4 outstanding budget items.

- (A)- Scholarship \$400
- (B)- Breakfast \$200
- (C)- Photocopies \$300
- (D)- PRO grant- separate \$70 to use on speaker series refreshments?

Dawn and Sangeeta to go through accounts

- \$1000 each year
- \$500 to elementary
- \$500 to secondary

Dawn and Sangeeta to work out anything left to balance.

Discussion regarding setting- up a computer page to share for the school council.

(3)- Principals report, presented by Carol

- (A) - Discussion on climate for learning. Things are going well and improving.
 - Improvements seen, less traffic in hallways; no skateboarding on school property; staff more visible and teachers using walkie talkies to communicate; Increased awareness of lateness/absences.
- (B)- Music trip to Europe.
- (C)- International Bazaar went very well
- (D) - Grade 6 orientation
- (E) - Battle of the bands
- (F) - Sports activities

(4) - Upcoming Events

- (A)- Exam time tables to be sent out
- (B)- Grad Breakfast, June 3rd 2010
- (C)- Grade 12 prom, June 28th 2010
- (D)- Grade 8 graduation, June 29th 2010
- (E)- Survey to be sent out, input is wanted from parents, staff and students
/ Survey Monkey

Carol read the new mission statement.

- (F)- Sept. 2: P.D. Day- staff, some parents and students will be invited to come in for input

Sept. 7: Students back

- (G)- Staffing - two new resignations - working in new staffing model
- Leaving -Eric Cooper moving to a Toronto French Immersion School; VP
 - Sara McLure moving back to PEI
 - Daphne Perugini transferring to Glen Forest; VP

- Incoming - Kerry Everett from Rick Hansen, VP
 - Doreen Johnson, VP

(5)- School Renewal

- (A) - new signs, display boards, showcases etc.
- (B) - Science Lab completion, upgraded with new equipment
- (C) - new computer program for voting (Clicker Technology)
 - get instant results for surveys
- (D) - locker bay renewal
- (E) - Summer school to be at Woodlands
- (F) - " Camp I Can" for grade 9 and 10 summer program; run by Woodlands staff

(G)- newcomer orientation

(H)- potential valedictorians for grade 12, 6 voted from 11

- (I)- when- what time frame should parents be notified if marks are too low
 - September communications between parents and teachers to be better
 - Prefects are in charge of scheduling interviews at meet-the-teacher night and their responsibility has to be taken more seriously
 - Revisit opening lines of communication for parents to be able to contact teachers

(6)- Discussion and voting for new School Council

- (A)- 2 co-chairs Shaila and Ram
- (B)- 2 co-secretaries Sunanda and Janet
- (C)- Treasurer Dawn

Minutes to be done 24- 48 hours after meeting

website maintenance to be done daily

(7)- Principal and vice- principal to meet on June 8.

Jeanne talked about how wonderful it was to have been here for 5 years and all the experiences and events that went along with it.

Jeanne thanked Sangeeta and Mark and in return they (and we) thanked Jeanne.

(8)- Shaila and Ram are looking forward to working with Carol and new school council- Shaila thanked everyone ALL wished each other well.