

Minutes from the School Council Meeting

Monday November 16th

In attendance for the business part of the meeting:

Mark Costello, Sangeeta Chopra-Charron, Brian Doyle, Dawn Kearns, Mark Langley, Janet Mount-McCrum, Kathie Stoliker, Shaila Shankardass, Carol Suhay

- (1) Minutes from previous meeting- Oct, 19th 2009 are deferred as they are not available.
Action Item: Mark will post them on the website and they can be reviewed at the next meeting in December.
- (2) There was a vote taken on spending between \$600-800 for the Speaker Series for inviting Chris Cummins for "Developing Future Leaders" as one of the topics in February, 2010. The motion was presented by Sangeeta Chopra-Charron and seconded by Dawn Kearns and Mark Langley. A sub-committee was formed to brainstorm ideas for promoting the speaker series especially the one being held in February. The following parents volunteered to form part of the sub-committee: Brian, Sangeeta, Janet and Shaila.
Action Item: The sub-committee will present the various ideas to the rest of the council at our next meeting and discuss implementation of the same.
- (3) Sangeeta Chopra-Charron and Mark Langley presented two workshops at the event sponsored by the Peel District School Board. The topic of the presentation was "How to be an effective school council" and the response from the participants was excellent.
- (4) Funding Inequities – The Woodlands Council along with the Board is continuing to push this issue forward.
Action Item: Mark Langley will create a petition on the website and likely ask other schools within the board to sign up on the petition. Follow-up with the Ministry re: the inequity letter sent to them.
- (5) Principal's Report: Jeanne Gray was unavailable, but was represented by Vice-Principal, Carol Suhay.
 - Construction in the school is targeted for completion by December.
 - Mayor Hazel McCallion came for the commencement and it was a great success.
 - Mid-term Term reports will be going home on Thursday, November 19th
 - Reel Canada and Woodlands is promoting Canadian Art www.reelcanada.com/voting. It is an all-day event and will take place on the 24th of November.
 - The Environmental Council made news by contacting Harper's office. Details can be found in the Mississauga News.
 - Thursday, Nov. 26 is early release day. Department heads will be discussing the best ways to support student achievement
 - Tuesday, Dec. 1st is Chapters night. This info will be posted on the School Council website once details are available and information will be sent home. Based on last year's event, 10% of all sales from that night will go to the Woodlands so everyone in

the community is encouraged to participate in this exciting event and support the school.

Presentation on Money Management for Teens was given by Neil Gaylor (a professional Financial Planner). Neil offered a wide variety of information on matters regarding post secondary education expenses and plans.