

School Council Minutes – Jan 22, 2009

Present: Diane Grieve, Sue Gittings, Heather Roberts, Sherry Bhardwaj, Barb Bunting, Michelle Spencer, Jin Wang, Manish Mehta, Laura Jane Halfyard

Minutes of last meeting – Approved by: Manish Mehta

Agenda for meeting – Approved by: Barb Bunting

Homework Club Program

Diane reported on the monies obtained from the Ministry of Education and how that is being put to use to start a Tutoring Program for students in Grades 3 and 4. Teachers in these grades were asked to recommend students that show potential to get to the next level with a little extra help. Teachers have already been assigned to this program that is currently supporting 25 children. Each parent was asked to sign a letter of commitment to ensure that these children will be attending the entire 14 week 1.5 hour program which was to start on Monday, February 2nd.

Addition to the School

Diane updated the council on the plans for the addition to the school. Changes were required to be made to the original plans due to enrolment forecasts, and these changes are now underway. As a result, a new building permit will need to be approved by the City of Mississauga. Documents are expected to be tendered between March – June 2009. At this time, it seems that construction cannot start before September 2009.

Upcoming Events

Diane and Sue reported on all the activities and events happening in the school including the Talent Show, the Auditions for the same, Winter Carnival, Meadows in Motion, Basketball Tournament, Kindergarten Assembly, Arts Committee initiatives (including Green initiatives, Eco Rangers, etc.) and Education Week. The school is hoping to register itself as a *GREEN* school by taking steps such as measuring garbage, reducing paper use, reducing recycling and implementing litterless lunch on every Friday.

Bake Sale

Heather applauded the school – its entire community including the office staff and parents in the community who supported the first bake sale and made it a huge success. This is recommended to be made into an annual event due to its popular reception by the entire school community. Heather also reported on an invitation received from Ruth Thompson Middle School to participate in an Information Night regarding Internet Chat sites including Facebook, MySpace and MSN Chat. School

Council has agreed to participate in this event. Information about this event is to be included in the next school newsletter.

Amazing Adventure

There is agreement that although this is a very good community event and brings the entire Churchill Meadows community together, it can only happen again this year if we acquire title sponsorship well ahead of time. Considering the current economic situation, this seems unlikely, however, the decision has been deferred to the next council meeting after some of the council members have had a chance to approach potential sponsors. In the meantime, alternate fund raising events were discussed, including Keep Sake, and a “Make a Dinner, Take a Dinner” night. Education Week was discussed as a possible time to arrange the alternate event.

Other Discussions

The council members also discussed snow removal at the back of the school, near the basketball nets. Since the discussion, snow removal has taken place creating a path connecting the City Park parking lot to the school property. Crossing safety was also brought up for the all way stop in front of the school. However, that matter has to be brought to the attention of the Mississauga Safety Council.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 19th, 2009