

# JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 2009

Present: Shelley Perry, Laura Sequin, Lori Marino, Allison Sorley, Laura Revill,  
Mr. Blake, Mrs. TenDen, Tina German, Deanna Simon, Jacalyn Wood

1. Welcome back
2. Appointment of Secretary- Deanna Simon
3. Approval of previous minutes by Allison Sorley and seconded by Laura Revill
4. Introduction of Robotics program by Mr. Blake. Showed us the robotics kit that was borrowed. 3 kits have been purchased for \$1050.00 for school
5. Old Business
  - Snuggle Up and Read/Math Nights to be coordinated with Education Week (last week in April) **April 29<sup>th</sup> 6 to 7:30 Family Education Night**
  - Agenda Consistency- value placed on junior, intermediate, realize the importance of organizational skills which help students prepare for highschool
  - "Dumbed Down" magazine article- can be seen on website if interested
4. Fundraising Report
  - Ideas for fundraising:
    1. Bedding plant sale- Spring
    2. Geraniums for Grade 7/8 camping trip Easter cookie kits
    3. Valentine's Day suckers with card
    4. Cookie Kit Fundraiser for Easter (samples were presented)

\*fundraising now to have a goal in mind of where each fundraising event \$ is going\*

Bingo Update- the need for volunteers has been revisited at every council advisory meeting this year, it is felt that all attempts to get volunteers (through newsletter, bulletin boards, and inserts in newsletter) have failed; some members would like to try to recruit volunteers one last time

\*\*After meeting, Bingo has officially been folded due to lack of volunteers\*\*

4. Principal's Report
  - Magazine fundraiser money went to offset the cost of Suessical, approx. \$1000 left to offset cost of class trips.
  - Norcard has \$86.60 left, \$519.00 went towards upcoming presentation by Chris Robertson on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Remaining money will go towards offsetting the cost of class trips.
  - Computer Allocation- 8 new computers (LCD projector, Laptop, 2 speaker systems for SMARTboard purchased with additional \$2500)
  - To the Top Canada- student presentation by Chris Robertson Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - \$519.75 cost/paid by 2007 Norcard
  - \*with presentation school library receives 20 free "To the Top Canada" books- \$529 retail value\*

Robotic Challenge Club- school purchased 3 kits (\$1050.00)

2009/2010 School Photographer- everyone voted in favor of continuing with Edge Imaging because of their good service

Collection of Instruments by Mr. Teakle- have received 3 clarinets, acoustic guitars etc. so far

## 8. New Business

Playground fighting- Zero tolerance on bullying/fighting, direct response such as 5 minute time-out for body contact, suspensions for fighting

Amount of money collected for "Gift of Hope"- \$230 and possibly more collected through online donations

Policy regarding use of the office phone- general policy is to try to discourage use of phone unless it is for emergency reasons

Cancellation of buses- if child is a bus student and buses are cancelled and they are not at school, they will be assumed absent because of the cancellation of transportation.

If school is open and parents are able to drive children to school, they must also pick them up after-school. If school is open, all children may attend regardless of cancellation of the buses, parents are responsible for driving children to and from school!

Holiday concert acting parts- there was sign-up sheets for all Intermediate students who wanted to have a part in the play. Students wanted to sign up 2 or 3 weeks later and only some of these students could be accommodated.

## 2. Mail Drop

Teaching Award nomination forms online at [www.teachingawards.ca](http://www.teachingawards.ca)

Magazines offering tips for EQAO preparation

## 3. Agenda Items for next meeting

Bedding Plant Fundraiser information

## 2. Next Meeting Date: February 24, 2009

## 12. Adjournment