

JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 25th, 2008

PRESENT: Laura Seguin, Shelly Perry, Lori Marino, Allison Sorley, Laura Revill, Jacqueline Wood, Mr. Blake, Mrs TenDen.

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Lori Marino appointed as secretary
3. Minutes of previous meeting and agenda approved.
5. Business Arising from Minutes
SAC meeting agendas and meeting minutes have been posted on the school website for viewing
6. Old Business
Newsletter Draws will continue. Staff will be asked to encourage their students to participate.

The suggestion box and website are still available for parents to use. Neither one had been used as of the meeting date.

Dates for Snuggle Up and Read & Math Night have not yet been determined, will be set in the new year.

7. Fundraising Report
Magazine Campaign Results - profit of \$1630.81 was made. This is down from last year but overall board wide campaigns have been down.

Bingo is still in desperate need of volunteers. Several ideas of how to encourage others i.e. shorter shifts, separate teams or buddy system. A display board will be set up for the December parent interview day indicating items purchased recently as well as a volunteer sign-up sheet. Council was asked to spread the word for HELP!

8. Principal's Report
Seussical Performance December 17th The \$10.00 per student charge will be subsidized by 2007 & 2008 magazine fundraiser.

School purchases:

- 30 intermediate uniforms
- LCD digital projector for new SmartBoard
- Library resources

To The Top Canada - student presentation by Chris Robertson on Feb. 5th -\$519.75 cost/ will be paid by 2007 Norcard monies. With this presentation the school library receives 20 free "To The Top Canada" books (a \$529 retail value).

The Performance Choir is singing at "Choirfest" on Dec. 10th and various other locations that day.

The School Holiday Concert -December 18th will involve the entire school. There will be two performances, one

in the afternoon and then in the evening. A donation of a non-perishable food item for Project Share will be accepted in lieu of a ticket.

Our school nurse (Sara Argiroupoulos) has been booked to provide various presentations to students on topics such as: Allergies, Germ Prevention, Tobacco, Substance Use and Abuse and Puberty

9. New Business

Discussion took place regarding student agendas and how important they are for effective communication between home and school and the consistent use of agendas within the school, including rotary classes. Teachers have been asked to support the use of agendas and encourage the students to carry them with them to rotary classes. Parents need to support agenda use by daily monitoring notes in the agenda, signing them and communicating to the teachers through them.

Premier Suite at home newsletter / Parent information handout of magazine article was distributed by Laura Seguin. Council was asked to read the article and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Agenda items for next meeting
Premier Suite article

11. Next Meeting Date: January 27th, 2009