

Unionville Public School Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday November 15, 2005

Attendance:

Michael Tamaki, Karen Harvey, Tara Tomlinson, Heather Baker, Connie Prentice, Barbara Hockin, Steve Gardner, Mrs. Dewberry, Jeffrey Smith, Carol Worthylake, Gary Crosby, Julia Sumner, Deb Kline.

A. Meeting Minutes –October 2005 - Tara Tomlinson requested motion for approval, Carol Worthylake seconded.

- Karen provided an overview of the [School Council Handbook](#) procedure – section 4.7.2. Minutes should be written up and distributed within two weeks of the meeting. They should be passed at the next regular meeting. Copies of minutes must be kept in the main office for anyone to see, at any time as well as posted on a school notice board or website.
- Appendix b, sample constitution Section 11.2: Minutes - Minutes shall be posted in the school prior to the next meeting of the council.

B. Financials – October 2005 – Carol Worthylake requested motion for approval, Michael Tamaki seconded.

- **Donation update:** At the end of the second week there was a total of \$8500 received from 58 families. This represents more than what was received last year at the end of week 6.
- **Purchase Request** – Music Program – passed.

C. School Update – Principal's Report

- **Staffing** – no changes to report
- **plant / facility**
 - **Asbestos:**
 - Aug. 16 – inspection occurred and identified room 3, 5 and 6 need asbestos removal.
 - Oct. 8 – school notified of schedule dates.
 - Oct. 16 - email to school from board identifying asbestos removal required.
 - Oct. 15 – removal of asbestos from room 3 (JK/SK), 5 (Gr.1) and 6 (Gr.2).
 - Oct. 21 – 1st letter sent to general school parent population informing them some asbestos was removed from the school. There was an apology for the late notification.
 - Oct. 28 air quality test – passed as safe, but consultant picked up a 3 x 5 mm object of the shelf in the JK room, which tested to contain 1.5% chrysotile asbestos content. Anything less than 1.0 % is not considered asbestos containing.
 - Oct. ?? – There was a 2nd letter sent to only parents of the JK/SK room 3 parents informing them of asbestos fiber found during air quality test.
 - Nov. 3 – Health and Safety contacted Mr. Gardner @ 8:45 a.m. to advise him to close classroom 3 as a precaution. The class was moved to Ms. Lee's room and the Library. @ 4:30 p.m. a clean-up of room 3 was conducted using a hepa vac and wet wipe procedure for horizontal surfaces, and vertical blinds per the type 1 procedure.

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Nov. 4 – email from asbestos management consultant deemed rooms safe. Ministry of Labor received complaint from a parent. Ministry of Labor came in and inspected the rooms around 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Their report indicated the correct procedures were followed per the protocol.

Nov. 8 – letter went out to general school population parents informing them of the asbestos parent information session scheduled for Nov. 17th.

Nov. 17 – parent information session to follow.

Note: asbestos visual inspections are conducted every three years. There was no class closure in September as mentioned in the newspaper.

- **EQAO**

- Results were reviewed. The percentage of all students at or above the provincial standard (levels 3 & 4),
- Results are in line with report card results.
- Grade 3 results – Reading improved by 12 % over previous year (from 63% to 75%), Writing improved by 15% over previous year (from 65% to 80%), Math improved by 23% over previous year (from 59% to 82%).
- Grade 6 results - Reading improved by 21 % over previous year (from 68% to 89%), Writing improved by 19% over previous year (from 65% to 84%), Math improved by 28% over previous year (from 62% to 90%).
- Grade 3: Gender breakdown indicated more females (88%) were at or above the provincial standard of level 3 or 4 then males (64%) in Reading. 94% of females were at or above provincial standard of level 3 or 4 in Writing and 68% of males.
- Grade 6: Gender breakdown indicated the number of males reading at or above the provincial standard of level 3 or 4 is 91% and there were 89% of females at or above the provincial standard of level 3 or 4.

- **library automation** – no changes to report.

- **playground equipment** – no update to report

- **Other**

- Steve to investigate email distribution of Pawprints from school administration.
- December's UPSAC meeting will be December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Apple educational consultant to present at this meeting.
- Steve presented Michael Gurian, 2001 – Why Boys “more” general facts.
- Steve spoke about Wilcox school where the male teachers teach the boys and the female teachers teach the girls. Commented on there is a noticeable difference on the dynamics. A question was asked about if there were any statistics on all boys school. A parent suggested looking at the Fraser report.
- There were the following handouts
 - Becoming an Engaged Reader
 - [The books in my bookbag \(for Male readers 6 – 12 yrs of age\)](#)
 - [Feel it like a man – boys, books and feelings.](#)

D. Let's Do Lunch

– L & D, there are \$225 orders per week this year compared to \$209 last year.

E. Action Teams:

- Electives

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- House Colours – This Friday is Wacky Hair day. Deb Kline volunteered to count snacks and distribute.
- Community Outreach – they are looking for a change in the school for the Christmas hamper program.
- Environmental Committee - working with the grade 8's – part of their data management project. Anti-idling signs to be posted soon. Planters to be updated for Christmas. There is a meeting Thursday at 9 a.m. suggesting January or February be designated environmental month.

F. Meeting Adjourned 9:25 p.m.