

Unionville Public School Advisory Committee
Tuesday September 20, 2005 - Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Michael Tamaki, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Gowe, Janice Pickering, Linda Grott, Karen Harvey, Connie Prentice, Barbara Hockin, Julia Sumner, Ellen Chan, Deb Kline, Kelly Smyth, Carol Worthylake, Gary Crosby, Tara Tomlinson.

Introductions:

Round table introductions took place, with each person letting us know who they are, whether they are on new or old council, how long they have been on council and what grade their children are in.

A. Meeting Minutes – June 2005 –approval, motioned by Carol Worthylake, seconded by Connie Prentice.

B. Financials – June 2005

- reviewed income vs. expense
- reviewed June 2005 monthly statement.
- a clarification was given on the \$6,000 carry-over for 2005-2006, this is for yearly operating expenses, supplies, bank charges, classroom support allocation, administrative support.

June 2005 - Financial Approval motioned by Christine Gowe, seconded by Linda Grott.

C. Welcome to new council members,

As we had less than 16 forms returned to the school, the 2005-2006 council is acclaimed as follows:

Gary Crosby	gary.crosby@pwes.ca
Karen Harvey - Chair	karenharvey2002@yahoo.com
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Michael Tamaki - Secretary	Chilln58@yahoo.ca
Tara Tomlinson	the_tomlinsons@sympatico.ca
Carol Worthylake	rworthylake@rogers.com

D. Farewell to previous council

- Thank you to out-going council members.

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- E. School Update – see Principal’s Report for additional detail.
- Steve thanked volunteers for their help with the meet the teacher BBQ.

Plant

Asphalt in the back school yard needs repair; it is scheduled to be patched later this year.

Playground equipment

Discussion: The playground equipment estimated replacement cost is \$150,000. The board does not plan to fund any maintenance or replacement of playground equipment. As the equipment is 8 years old, do we look at earmarking funds every year so that we have funds available when the time comes to replace it? We have spent \$1,000 - \$2,000 per year on repairs lately. We could look at earmarking the hot lunch program revenue. The funds will still be in the control of council. If we do earmark the funds, and a more immediate need came up, we could re-allocate the funds. Further discussion will continue.

Electives

Discussion: Should we change this to a winter activity day, instead of having electives like we have in the past. The time could be better spent in class, working on curriculum items. There is a concern, the cost of electives plus school activities are becoming expensive. Some of the activities have had low enrolment, making it expensive to offer. The original concept of the electives was to expose students to activities they would not normally be exposed to. As time has gone on, the students have been signing up for activities they are already familiar with. We will continue to have the Grade 4’s go to swimming, Grade 5 – speed skating will be offered in November at a cost of \$5/student for 6 weeks (skates will be provided), and the Grade 7’s have gone to Camp Muskoka for outdoor education. There was no open objection to eliminating the electives.

Events:

- Area cross-country meet: This conflicts with pizza day, so Steve will ask L&D to reschedule pizza day. We are also looking for parent volunteers for the meet.

Others:

- Donation letter, budget plan will be put together at the next meeting.
- EQAO results should be released to the public Oct. 19th.
- Karen to provide Carol with the Pizza volunteer forms.

- F. Let’s Do Lunch – Environmental committee working with L&D to see if they can reduce the packaging they use.

G. Action Teams:

- Electives
- House Colours – Carol has volunteered to organize this.
- Community Outreach – Srinka is organizing the Holiday hamper, and food drive.
- Environmental Committee – Connie reports:
 - Walk to school day is Oct. 5th and they are looking for volunteers.
 - Bulb planting day (Grade 3) late September.
 - Fall clean-up planning in progress.
 - Replacement trees need to be ordered. (this will be covered by insurance)

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- Recycling printer cartridge program available. Looking for the grade 8's to run this.
- Looking for teacher liaison to work with Environmental committee.
- Working on Litter-less lunch. Primary class uses plastic containers for their lunch and a lunch bin is placed by the door so students do not have to carry them around with them in the playground. This is working well.

H. Other items:

- Discussion about UPS letter points for grade 7 and 8's, apparently there were some students who did not receive their letters due to administration problems. Steve says this has been resolved.

I. Meeting Adjourned