

## Trelawny Public School – Draft Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2008

### In Attendance

Daniela Schulze, Kiruthiha Kulendiren, Gena Norbury, Brian Brand, Tracey Batt-Watson, Lynn Caskie, Michelle Bruce-Lockhart, Loredana Didomenica, Lauren Bridgewater, Beth Samra, Heather Vickers, Monali Supramanyam, Marijana Haag, Daphne Howard, Kirsten Tyborski and Philip Rowe.

### Regrets

Tom Vosper, Nadine Stephens and Catherine Cooper

The meeting was called to order by Daniela Schulze at 7:15 pm

**Motion:** to approve the agenda brought by Daniela, **seconded** by Lauren, carried by a show of hands

**Motion:** to approve the minutes brought by Daniela, **seconded** by Lauren, carried by a show of hands

### Treasurers Report

The current balance in the School Council category is \$8,707.31.

Funds available for allocation are \$3,107.31

Total Profits to-date are \$1,624.15

### Fundraising

#### *Fundraising Ideas*

**Action:** Spring fundraising ideas to be e-mailed and discussed as there is no meeting in December.

#### *Yearbook*

Monali presented the idea of a yearbook as a fundraising event, including canvassing, layout, Ontario stats, committee (students, teachers & parents) to start now and be done by April/09. Some discussion regarding yearbook included:

- Be careful to include every child that has permission to be included
- Pictures of children need to remain at school
- Publishing material would be available to committee members online as a shared space
- Worth pursuing, but Council unable to move forward due to teachers not being under contract and staff support needed immediately
- Suggested that this idea be launched in Sept/09
- Use Council website to host a yearbook survey

**Motion:** School Council is interested in implementing a yearbook as a fundraiser in Sept/09, and will prepare to do so (including research) until then by Kiruthiha, **seconded** by Lauren, **carried** by a show of hands

#### *Lunchlady*

**Motion:** to no longer support Lunch Lady as a Fundraiser by Kiruthiha, **seconded** by Michelle Bruce-Lockhart, **carried** by a show of hands

This motion brought about because previous Lunch Lady contact not available this year, and new contact not returning calls.

**Action:** Catherine to investigate Subway instead (including menu, profits, frequency, halal, kosher, allergies), and Council to make further discussion/decisions by e-mail/e-voting.

## **Principals Report**

### *Hockey Game*

Daphne was approached by St Michaels & offered tickets for a lunchtime game for the entire school. Turnaround time was 2 weeks from that call to trip. Great fun was had by all.

### *More School Trip Ideas*

Mentioned the possibility of Disney's High School Musical Play (drama, music, storyline) as a possible whole school excursion in Feb/09. Costs would be tickets and bussing.

### *Construction*

No further updates

### *Chickenpox*

22 cases so far. School is required to submit names to Peel Health. Letters are sent home so that parents are kept informed.

## **Teachers Report**

### *Hot Chocolate*

Needed for 300+ people for December Carol's by Candlelight.

**Action:** Monali to find out if Starbucks will sponsor hot chocolate for this event.

### *Wish list*

Teachers requesting that Council commit to items on wish list, depending on funds available. Council wants to know what school will pay for with their budget – will help Council decide how to allocate funds, Council also needs teachers to prioritize wish list. Daphne/Brian: 60% of budget allocated already spent by PC's in classrooms. Council heard that through LCD projectors Streaming technology brought alive in classroom, and Discovery Streaming is being put to very good use at Trelawny (3.5 X the National average). There was a possibility that PDSB would pay for Discovery Streaming, that will not happen as Board is developing their own streaming.

Dream: 2 general computers for student use per class, and another more specialized one per class, 1 LCD projector/grade and an extra one. Teachers requested to share their vision with Council, to help Council decide what to augment.

**Action:** Brian Brand to write up a technology vision.

**Motion:** To fund Discovery streaming for another year (\$1275.99) by Kiruthiha, **seconded** by Lauren, **carried** by a show of hands.

### *School Outing*

Opera – “Get Stuffed”- in April/May is another performance teachers are considering in addition to High School Musical already mentioned.

**Motion:** To financially support the High School Musical trip for the whole school for the sum of \$800 by Philip, **seconded** by Monali, **not carried** by a show of hands.

### *Author Visits*

Mrs Walker requested Council fund two author visits (\$400-700/visit).

**Motion:** Council to fund an author visit up to \$500 by Kiruthiha, **seconded** by Michelle, **carried** by a show of hands.

**Action:** Depending on funds available, Council will decide whether to fund another author visit at a later stage.

**Action:** Teachers to provide as much info as possible, including what is a priority, to Council to aid decision making

### **PRO**

Grant will be awarded in January to successful applicants – giving schools more time to successfully implement plans.

\$500 has been allocated to Council for Outreach.

*People for Education Conference:* heard about the visibility of parents, split levels, in school resources.

Highlights: split levels are here to stay, Elementary Curriculum to be reviewed & parents & students will be consulted.

### *Ministry:*

Looking to empower Councils, formed a Parent Involvement Committee. Goal to increase parent participation

### *PDSB Workshops*

5 Council members attended 10 workshops.

### **Safe Arrival**

Purpose of proposing an on-line Safe arrival program is to save time a simplify the task for Trelawny volunteers. A server cannot be kept at the school and is too expensive.

**Motion:** to go ahead with an on-line Safe Arrival option at \$10/month (for a 1 year subscription) by Michelle, **seconded** by Monali, **carried** by a show of hands, **abstaining:** one

### **Council website**

Council website has had 700 hits since September.

### **Other Items**

#### *Elaines Tree*

**Action:** Tracey to find Terra invoice and forward to Lynn.

**Action:** Try get the tree replaced.

*Trustee Annual Report*  
Available in library.

*Outstanding Teacher Nominations*  
For teaching excellence, needs to be done by parents.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 9:10 pm by Kiruthiha, **seconded** by Michelle, **carried** by a show of hands.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:15 pm in the school library.

**School Council Meeting Dates**

February 18, 2009  
April 15, 2009  
May 20, 2009  
June 10, 2009