

BCI School Council Minutes Oct 11, 2011 6:30pm

Present: Lora Adkins, Bonnie Terry, Gail Lovett, Marie Fanjoy, Beth McIntosh, Martha Terdik, Sheryl Saracuse, Vicki Edward, Susan Bradley, Leslie Downie, Mary Ann Blunt, Pam McNeish, Kim DiFrancesco, Irmela Dorogi, Anne Hyett, Stephanie Huntjens-White, Jen Link

Regrets: Aliko Mikulich, Lynn Peters, Brigitte Tinevez, Robin Lefler

Elimination Draw.

Board matched fund raising for portions of monies spent from fundraiser with the CPIC program. We have \$ 4,000 left over. \$ 10,000 was raised with silent auction. \$ 10,00 with elimination draw. Wish list includes 5 smart boards (\$1500 a smart board), 12 projectors, 5 projector arms; sound system for dance studio. (Vicki offered a receiver for the studio. She will drop it off to see if it is suitable)

Based upon success of last year's draw suggest that it be an annual affair. Can tap into the resources/info/ efforts from last year.

Ms. Link offered to have athletics help with the planning. The athletes need to help to give back to the school. November as a date was suggested, but decision made that it was too soon. Late April, 28th? May 5th? May 5th will be the date of the 2012 Elimination Draw.

Internet Safety Seminar.

Re....social media and cyber bullying. Should BCI put on the KIWIseminar for the parents and kids?

It is free to the school. Does Police Services offer the same? Marie will research and we will discuss again in November.

Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee, GEPEC, meets 4 x per year @ Waterford. They attempt to connect Parent Councils with one another. Is anyone interested in attending?

Food and Beverage Policy,

Provincial initiative to make the schools serve only healthy choices to the students in the cafeterias as well as with fundraisers etc. Strict guidelines as to what can be served..

3 categories:

1. 80% healthiest
2. 20% health category
3. not permitted.

Principal's Report

Fitness room has its first class tomorrow. Fitness is great. Have been stockpiling equipment for the last 3 years. Have 16 spin bikes. Plan to offer students memberships. Staff will staff before and after school.

Computer lab in tech wing has no doors, therefore no computers. Wireless issues have been solved. Facility is great. Art room is amazing. Dance studio is excellent..

The grade 11 and 12 fitness classes are very popular. (7 classes this year)

Gail has a **deficiency list** which is not being tackled by the board. (ie: pencil sharpeners; safety concerns with metal sticking out from bannisters in stairwells.; lockers doors need replacing; freezer and fridge in gym needed; 40 pairs of safety glasses lost)

Textbooks. Is as it is due to excessive cost of textbooks. Every class will have access to textbooks during class. There are textbooks to sign out. And there are e-learning books online. Suggested that there be a notice posted in the classes reminding the students of the e-book and sign-out options. Gail will address this.

Now offer a digital photography class and English Media studies. (new teachers have come to BCI form the PJ media studies program.

1190 students currently. We started with 1230. School was built for 1100. Victoria will be declared surplus. Was told that Victoria would not handle overflow. Portables are still at Victoria.

Parent teacher interviews on Thursday October 27th. Interviews 4 – 7 pm. Book, or try in evening. Math, science and english are busiest teachers. End of November high skills major drama class will be putting on 'RENT' 'annie' is the production next semester.. Sears festival will see production of " Munch Along"(children's author Robert Munch)

Oct 19 Awards assembly

Oct 22nd Commencement

Take your kids to work day is November 2nd. Grade 8's are coming in to BCI that day.

The staff is clamping down on 'lates', especially with the grade 9's after several years of the 2 campuses, where it was difficult to monitor 'lates'.

Teacher's Report

Staff moral is much better. There are many new initiatives being taken by staff.

Suggested that we again do a 'staff appreciation day' as was done in the past. To be discussed at Nov meeting.

Secretary had to leave at 8:15.

NEXT MEETING: TUES NOV 8th 6:30 pm