

School & Community Council Meeting
September 30, 2008

Attended by: Tracy Dollansky, Laurie Slocombe, Christine Paquette, Cindy Brown, Jannelle Ernst, Jasmine Green, Lee-Ann Cordes, Megan Santa, Treena Watterodt,

1. Meeting was called to order.
2. Minutes were looked over, one small discrepancy was amended to # 5, regarding the new laptop; the funds did not come from the room parents, the funds came out of the school budget.
3. The norms were read over quietly by everyone.
4. There was no new correspondence.
5. A) School enrollment was discussed, a handout was given to everyone with all the numbers. The large kindergarten class was discussed, all is going well. There are no new staffing issues, our ratios are currently correct.
B) The main change to our SLIP is that it is now tied directly to data. Our school is taking a team approach, and will focus on Professional Learning Teams. Our main objective is still our reading initiative, and possibly will encompass math as a direct focus. We also touched on volunteers in our school, anyone who wishes to help out with our children by being a driver not only has to have the correct insurance, but must also have a criminal records check done. The same is true for anyone who has not helped inside the school before but wishes to now. There is no charge for a criminal records check if it is related to the school.
C) New report cards were shown and discussed. The focus is very different, and the assessments will be quite different. It provoked much discussion, and is expected to do the same with our students and parents. It was discussed to possibly have an information night regarding the new report cards, to help explain the new format. The SCC may be involved in this meeting.
D) Our new Reading Initiative was discussed, and it was decided that we would go ahead with this. It will involve asking community members to come in and read to different classrooms each month. The SCC will donate books to be read and then given away to a child in the class. Jasmine and Jannelle will initiate the program.
E) The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. Our new Superintendent will chair the meeting. Megan will give her

chairperson speech, Jasmine will give a financial report. All were given a poster to hang up downtown, and were encouraged to bring anyone in to the meeting.

6. The next meeting will be October 22, 2008 in the Walter Aseltine School gym.
7. The meeting was adjourned.