

Parents for École Dugald School
Meeting Minutes September 23rd, 2009

Attendance: Bev Baker, Leslie Bezte, Lynne Petit, Karen Carey, Kimberly Freynet, Roslyn Smyth, Tricia Caruk, Kim Zaenali, Nicole Fleury, Johanne Zurba, Christina Bloomfield, Velda Dyck, Diane Reimer, Debbe? Lemieux, Kelly Anderson

- 1) **Welcome/Approval or changes to current agenda** – add French Immersion Consultation Dates, September In-service Day and Ultimate Family Organizer Fundraiser.
- 2) **Approval/changes to minutes** – Change attendants' name to Karen instead of Daren. Diane Reimer made a motion to accept the minutes of April 14th, 2009. Passed by general consensus.
- 3) **General Business**
 - a) **Bulk School Supply** – The committee asked if Administration/Teachers would be willing to purchase bulk school supplies as an alternative to long school supply lists. Parents present suggested that certain items could be purchased by the school such as dictionaries. Deborah Lemieux expressed that teachers may be hesitant to pay out of pocket up front. Karen Carey said that Hazelridge school has a system where if parents want to use bulk buying they pay for it in June and the teachers buy the supplies and distribute them in September. This is an optional program. Parents that want to buy their own supplies are free to do so. The committee said they are prepared to help in any way. Kimberly Freynet and Principal (not present) will review the whole school's student supply list.
 - b) **Milk** – The milk program spearheaded by Bev Baker is looking for volunteers. Kim Zanelli is very interested in helping. The program could run 3 days a week, prices per unit could be 0.75. Kim Freynet questioned proper storage for milk, current fridge is not adequate. Parent council is prepared to budget for a larger fridge. Kimberly Freynet would look at space and power supply and see if it is even feasible.
 - c) **PFEDS Bulletin Board** – The committee looked at moving board in a more obvious space, administration questioned usage may be the issue versus location. The committee agreed that they would dress it up. Lynne Petit offered to maintain the bulletin board.
 - d) **Christmas Concerts** – Administration and staff decided there will be a K – 2 Concert beginning in December and a Gr. 3 – 5 Concert in the spring and as usual there will Band concerts throughout the year.
 - e) **H1N1** – moved to Admin. Report
 - f) **MAPC** – tabled.
 - g) **Meeting Dates:** Unfortunately the person with the dates was not present therefore dates will be announced at a later time, see website. AGM will be in October, original date may have to be moved coincides with other

meeting. NB: Tuesday October 20th at 6:30 pm – Divisional PAC Assembly in Board Office in Beausejour. Thursday October 22nd at 6:30 pm – Trustees/Superintendent annual meeting at École Dugald School.

4) Reports

- a) **Treasurer** – Current Balance \$ 10,625.21. It was noted that there is lots of money, the committee would like to spend it, the committee is open to ideas on where to spend it. Parents voiced that the money was committed to playground structure along time ago. The “new” committee is not sure when money was committed to Playground for older grades but will look into it. It was also suggested that the committee form a sub committee to seek special grants to raise the funds quicker for the structure. If decision is to stay committed to structure parent suggested Bernie Wolfe’s structure is worth taking a look at. Also we could contact other school in the division that recently upgraded for advice on costs and grants.
- b) **Hot Lunch** – Bev Baker thanked all HL volunteers and the last HL profit is \$700.00 The dates for this year’s HL are: Oct. 16, Nov 13, Dec. TBA/TBD, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 14 and June 25. There will be 3 Sub Days and the rest pizza. Always in need of volunteers.
- c) **Administration** – There currently 404 students. Classroom compositions have changed to accommodate the increase.
H1N1 – Every family of Sunrise SD received a fact sheet on H1N1 and it is also available on the website and the school’s office keeps a binder on latest fact sheets because it is constantly changing. The school did a vivid presentation of hand washing and coughing at the first day assembly. The division has spent \$30,000 so far on ensuring School’s have adequate product to prevent the spread of H1N1 which includes supplying Gr. 6 to 8 classroom with tissue boxes, Avagar and antiseptic alcohol based cleaning products for every teacher which is safely stored in closed drawer for only teachers to use, Cavi wipes are also available in each classroom, there is a hand pump sanitizer at entrance of school for guests not for students, Mr. Brown has a special solution which he uses to clean door knobs, computers are wiped clean every day, Buses are sanitized every day, if students present themselves with flu like symptoms they are asked to stay home, every evening chairs are stacked to the side and special cleaner is used to wipe tables. A parent asked if there is tracking system to ensure that the procedures are working, administration said there is no way of knowing except by knowing if attendance drops or increases and that can only be tracked over years. The school is required to report to MB Health if 10 % of student population is sick. If student is sick the school has a designated Wellness Room and students will be asked to wait there and parents are contacted, if a student is sick on the bus, the driver is to contact the school immediately and the student is escorted directly to the Wellness Room upon arrival at the school and parents are contacted.

5) **Other Business**

- a) **Superintendent Karen Carey** – Divisional French Immersion
Consultation Dates are Oct. 13th at 7:00 pmi