

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – OCT. 6-09

Present: Leslie Barr Barr Kellar, Genevieve Bliss, Melanie Allen, Jessica Sweigard, Theresa Love

Welcome: Mrs. Kellar welcomed all – went to Gr. 1/2/3 class for the Introduction to School Council: power point presentation

Elections: Chair/Co-chair was discussed. Gen Bliss will take on the responsibility of chair for this meeting.

PRO Grant Information: - \$1000 grant was discussed -- DEADLINE –OCT 16. Gen Bliss will look over the information provided.

Looking Ahead Together presentation: October 20/09 at 3pm in our library. Board team –SR ADMIN will be coming out for this.

Principal's Report –went over the following;

Staffing – 3 on leave,

- Kim Dennis in for Mary Caul
- Jessica Sweigard in for Marge Hale
- Doreen Skinaway in for Frances Boshkaykin
- Brenda Hyatt in for Jessica Sweigard
- 3 EA's from SR—Stan Saunders, Gerald Morrison, Tyler Johnson

Preparing for new school building – have had a meeting looking at preliminary plans – one more meeting before Core Meeting. Discussed plans and our input into design. Organization/purging of the present school was discussed.

Programs - up & running

- healthy meals, breakfast..... –
- PALS training this Friday –
- chess club – went to district chess tournament – 11 qualified –
- Terry Fox –more than \$1000.00 raised –
- Cultural assembly – Juniors ricing at Red Gut Bay, Junior-Intermediate went to Fall Harvest

Staff training –

- EQAO Data-Leslie Kellar, Barbe Dennis,Cecilia Stewart attended in Dryden – discussed that our school so small, difficult to view data
- Oral Lang – Dryden - Leslie Kellar, Cecilia Stewart, Jessica Sweigard will attend this.

School Improvement Plan will be developed once data is analyzed to set our priorities.

PD – system wide on Oct. 19th

Safety procedures for our school – handed out for anyone interested to look over for input.

School Community Handbook- handed out. Looking for input before it goes home with students.

Code Red Emergency Response Procedures –have been going through response plan. Rene Pitremont assisted principal in this. Feel that some sort of P.A. system needs to be in place to keep everyone safe. Will purchase walkie-talkies to be kept in each classroom.

Goals/Priorities for School Council- Discussed fundraising for playground – perhaps start a committee that will be in charge – make a plan *** priority. Perhaps have a DVD of Christmas concert for sale – (need staff consent FOI)

Future Meeting Dates — Nov. 19th next mtg. Main Focus - FUNDRAISING

Gen Bliss inquired as to what the school was doing regarding the H1N1 influenza ? It was discussed that hand sanitizers have been installed in each class. Parents have been encouraged to keep children home if not feeling well. Gen suggested a newsletter be sent out with best practices for keeping H1N1 contained. She suggested that we include in newsletter what we are doing in our school to combat H1N1.