

Dufferin Parent Council  
Wednesday September 9, 2009

1. Present: Jane Goldspink, Heidi Nanda, Jill Berridge, Leslie Johnston, Catherine Gorecki, Nori Secord-Smith, Rahno Simpson, Melissa Betts, Bridget Tinevez, Verna Millington

Welcome: Lori Glade, Cathy Costa-Morris, Ann Breault and Mike Breault

Regrets: Lora Adkins, Karen Pugh, Andrea Smith

2. Conflict of Interest: Heidi, Rahno and Verna
3. Approval of Agenda approved 1<sup>st</sup> by Rahno 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nori
4. Minutes of May 13, 2009 approved 1<sup>st</sup> by Nori and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill
5. Water Bottle Fund Raiser- The water bottles are here! Jill showed off the Red bottle, we have 50-Red and 150- Blue. Jill has a label from Mabels Labels those families could order on their own if wanted. There was discussion about engraving and Leslie agreed to try an engraver on the bottles to see if this was an option for parents. It was agreed that we would sell the water bottles at the Meet the Teacher Night and advertise this on the Meet the Teacher Night Flyer. It was also agreed that we would give one water bottle per classroom as a SAMPLE so the students can see them. As well, a few bottles are to be put in the display case in the front entry.

ACTION- Karen to give a Sample bottle to Leslie and the other bottles to Jane

ACTION-Verna to give Leslie the engraver

ACTION- Leslie to experiment with the bottles

ACTION- Heidi/Lora to advertise in the flyer for Meet the Teacher.

ACTION-Lora and Karen will man the table @ Meet the Teacher

6. MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT.-5:00-7:00 Sept 24, 2009. Rahno made a suggestion that when we are buying food items for DPC that we go to the Price Chopper at ICOMM and Clarence so that we can pay with one cheque therefore saving on our costs to write cheques to everyone. There was a question about how to bring in water and Leslie found water in boxes at Zehrs. It was suggested also that we will bring in water for the coolers and provide one free fill with the purchase of a water bottle .We will need tables for Police Checks, CPF, Dufferin Shirts, Food, Water Bottles/DPC/Prizes. Budget for Meet the Teacher set at \$500.00.

ACTION-Melissa will get the Hams and Hots and supplies for the food and drinks

ACTION-Nori will contact the Police to book the Grill/Freezer for the 24<sup>th</sup>.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT. We have as of the last statement (July) \$13,296.00

7. TEACHER REPORT-

- a) Staff Changes. Donna Howey has left us for the position of President of the Grand Erie District Teacher's Union. She will be missed and there will be a presentation made Sept 10 at an assembly. We wish her all the best. A gift card will be given to her at the assembly by a student in grade 8. Also Mlle. Rohan left in March and we did not give her a gift. One will be purchased and sent to her.

MOTION- For the gift card \$25 for Mme Howey and \$25 for Mme. Rohan 1<sup>st</sup> by Verna and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nori.

Mr. Kranenburg has joined us as the Gym Teacher

Mlle. Sheardown has joined us as Prep for Grade 3 -8

Mme Smith has joined and will be teaching Grade 7 in place of Mme.

Soules who had a baby boy in the summer.

Mme Gasparotto has had a baby girl on Mon Sept 7 and Mme. Smallwood is temporally replacing her until Jane hires a teacher for this school year in that position.

- b) Sports are starting again! M. Yelle and Mme. Peters will be starting Soccer again soon; Mme Gibbon and Mme Gorecki will be starting Cross Country Practice soon.
- c) The Terry Fox Run for Dufferin will be Fri Sept 25<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break. Any parents available to volunteer to help will be appreciated.
- d) Dufflebag Theatre was such a success last year that the teachers are asking if DPC will support another performance in March.

MOTION- That we support the Theater Company to come up to a cost of \$800.00 1<sup>st</sup> – Nori and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa.

ACTION- Catherine will look into booking the play.

8. PRINCIPAL REPORT- Jane thanked us for our ongoing support to the School and welcomed us back. Great start will full attendance Tues except one who we found out late had moved.

-Teachers this year are 2 - JK/SK

3 - Grade 1

2 - Grade 2

2 - Grade 3

1 - Grade 4

1 - Grade 4/5

1 - Grade 5/6

1 - Grade 6

1 - Grade 7

1 - Grade 7/8

1 - Gym Teacher

1 - Prep/ Library

½ - Prep for Grade 3-8

-We have 368 students which include 90 JK/SK who are included as ½ students.

- Some discussion about the first day back and SK's not receiving letters. Jane explained about the changes and said to cut back on paper and spending they did not send letters if your student was going to receive the same teacher. Also a concern was raised about the 1st day and the students not knowing where to go. Jane will put more information in the Newsletter in May and June so that it is a little clearer. However, there was information in last year's May and June Newsletter.

-Jane received a call about the payment for the curtains in the summer however she let them know DPC did not meet during the summer, and they would have to wait until our Sept meeting. However in the contact they were to also install

- blinds in the two small rooms on either side of Jane's office and in Jane's office and they have not yet. Should we tell them we are going to wait until they are installed until we pay? It was agreed that Jane would speak to them and the bill would be paid when the work was finished.
- Cathy Costa-Morris has volunteered to help update the website and Jane will contact the board for her to get some training on our system.
  - Nomination forms for elections will be at Meet the Teacher night.
  - Curriculum- Jill, Leslie, and Jane are going to meet on a regular basis to review new information and report to the Council. Any of this information is also available on the board website and the ministry website.
  - Report cards will most likely be coming only twice a year -- a brief report in Oct then a formal form at March Break and June.
  - Agendas are \$9.00 per student this year because they are in French. Last year we lost \$700.00 because of students not paying. Would DPC support a motion to supplement the cost? 1<sup>st</sup> by Jill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rahno.
  - Accounts: Dufferin was "in the black" at the end of last year. Having said that, we will probably have a 10% reduction this year so Jane will be keeping an eye on costs and spending.
  - Hoping for new curtains on the other side of the school and maybe a Smart Board? We need to spend the money that is not being held for special events or projects.
  - Principals Criteria- We need to review the paragraph we have -- please look at it and comment on what you see. (see attachment)
  - Goals this year- think about goals for DPC and bring them back to the meeting in Oct so we can set them and have a target to reach for.
  - Please see attached re: computer.
9. HOT LUNCH- Pizza Days set Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, Dec 18, Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, April 30, May 28, June 18
  10. FUNDRAISING- The prizes are in for the magazine fundraiser and Lora will be taking them home for safe keeping. The campaign start date is the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept. and the packages are ready. Mme. Gorecki will show them off and explain at a short assembly that day. The end date will be October 16 and a tally night is to be determined.
  11. FUN FAIR- It has been set for June 3-2010
  12. ADDITIONS: H1N1- Alcohol sanitizers can be toxic for little ones so it will not be provided in the class rooms. If parents want to send it with their children that is their choice. However, the teachers will be discussing ideas to encourage proper hygiene with their students.

Meeting Ajournd at 8.40

The next meeting will be Wed. Oct 14, 2009.