

Clarendville Middle School Council Meeting

Jan 31, 2008

Welcome:

Troy & Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting

Members Present:

1. Craig Pardy (Principal)
2. John Mahar
3. Paul Tilley (Recorder)
4. Paula Pye
5. Richard Power
6. Rod Drover
7. Rupert Baker
8. Troy Mitchell (Chair)
9. V. Vasantam
10. Wanda Green

Business Arising:

Audio:

- There is an opportunity to access funding on a 50/50 basis to do some work with getting software that will allow the recording posting the recordings on the school's website.
- Grade 7 Non-LFI have done some Rap songs.

Safe Schools:

- Is Safe Schools section on the website?
- Check and if it's not there add / link a Safe Schools section to the website

Human Resources:

- There has been no movement from the Board on the issue of adding extra staffing (teaching and caretaker) to match the increased enrollment. The question was posed as to how the Council can help move this issue forward?
- Troy (Chair) will write a letter to Mr. Horlick at the school board asking that this matter be addressed in a timely manner.

Dept. of Health Inspections:

- The department reviewed the building and rated some areas as not adequate - e.g. The lack of adequate paper towels and soap in the washrooms was cited as a problem.
- Craig has met with the caretakers to seek ways to better address the shortfalls.

Fundraising - Ottawa Trip:

- Richard has met with Lisa Drover to help manage the accounting of the fundraising efforts. It is estimated that \$9500 is remaining to be raised by the 61 students who will be heading to Ottawa for Canada Day. The Committee feels good about their progress in the fundraising effort.
- Rod handed out a sheet of potential fundraisers. One potential take-out cold plate opportunity was questioned because of potential health concerns.
- Rod will check with Health Department + ESD policies

DARE:

- There will be taking place next week.
- Next Thursday night (Feb 7) Troy, Trevor O' Keefe will meet with parents to discuss addiction issues.

Lockdown:

- There will be a school Lockdown on Feb 7. Students will be locked in Classrooms this time. RCMP will be a major player in this test.

Tidbits:

- Math Fair: For the Love of Math, math fair will be taking place this month in the gym.
- Heritage Fair: This year's Heritage fair will build on the success of last year's and incorporates many of the suggestions that were made based on last year's experience. If you view the school's website there are links to explain the 5w's, the guidelines, how judging will be done, the theme and there are photos of last year's projects. Each project this year will be judged twice.

1. Clarendville Middle School Histor!ca Fair Guidelines
http://www.k12.nf.ca/cms/HERITAGE/CMS_Guidelines.pdf
2. Vista Region Judging Sheet
http://www.k12.nf.ca/cms/HERITAGE/Vista_Judge_Sheet.pdf
3. Explanation of 2008 Theme
http://www.k12.nf.ca/cms/HERITAGE/2008_Theme.pdf
4. Pictures of 2007 Projects
http://www.k12.nf.ca/cms/heritage_07.htm

- Skating: Skating is starting this month. Ice time is bartered with the town for use of the Gym. This keeps the cost low to all children.
- Staff Survey: Values in Education Ranking

- Maintenance Requests: MR for this building are heavy - so it takes time to get something fixed.
- Late French Immersion: There will be a meeting next week with students and parents of students in the grade six classes in Clarendville to discuss LFI for grade 7
- Traffic Flow: Traffic in front of the school is moving in 3 lanes - this is posing a danger to pedestrians. Can we get a crossing Guard? Can we place a sign? Can we note the problem in the Newsletter? Will the traffic flow of the New Stadium potentially affect this situation?
- School Development: Strategic Planning - Handouts were provided. Schools will be closed on the 15th for a strategic planning session. A Strategic Plan will be drafted in March and that will be presented. Council is invited to a 4 pm session on Feb 2. There will be a public session at 7 pm on Feb 2. Craig asked Council to submit their comments via the ESD web page. Troy will send out an email on this.
- Late French Immersion Survey Results: The survey results on LFI were very positive. There has been no real attrition and the class is holding at 29 students. Next year could be an issue if more classes are required. Space could become a problem. The Grade 7 non-LFI class is doing very well.
- Lions Club: The Lions Club wrote Craig a letter that was prompted by an email that he sent requesting information on the Lions fundraising - and how CMS could partake. Unfortunately the letter from the Lions seems to have mistake Craig's intentions. We will ensure that the intentions are clarified.

Next Meeting: Troy will send an Email on Date and Time. Meeting adjourned 8:40.