

Clarenville Middle School Council

Meeting Minutes

October 28th, 2010

In attendance:

Gwen Hiscock, Chair	Dr. Vas Vasanthan, Parent Rep
Craig Pardy, Principal	Tracey Flemming, Parent Rep
Cora Verster, Parent Rep	Ryno Verster, Parent Rep
Dave Hains, Community Rep	John, Mahar, Community Rep
Gerry Organ, Vice-Principal	Lisa Drover, Teacher

Regrets:

Paula Roberts, Secretary	Rhonda Holloway, Parent Rep
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1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Mr. Pardy.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3.0 Gwen Hiscock was nominated as the chairperson of the School Council 2010-2011.

4.0 New Business

Gerry discussed the Roaming Reporter Proposal:

- Itouch/video camera (4th generation)
- The proposal elements for the students were discussed.
- Aspect of using them for research. Date the proposal will be accepted/declined is Nov. 5th

School Parking Lot:

- Reviewed where we are – tender has been issued twice. The second group have looked at the parking lot, however, it will probably be the spring before the parking lot is reconfigured.
- Dr. Vasanthan suggested the traffic proposal go in the newsletter that students who are dropped off at the Middle School and have older siblings attending High School all be dropped off at one stop. Gwen suggested “First Page” news for the newsletter.

2010 CRT Story:

Results of 2010 resulted in low scores in our present grade 7's. These results were on par with their grade 3 results. This will continue to be addressed as a staff and the CMS PD focus on Dec. 10th will involve action planning for this particular group. Overall, the four year tracking of the CRT data indicated this current year as an anomaly. Other years were above the district and provincial averages.

School Reconstruction:

- Dr. Vasanthan said himself and Gwen attended last council meeting at Balbo. There is an obvious traffic problem at Balbo. Letter is sent to Town Council on behalf of our council to support the motion on the construction of a road to connect to Glenview Terrace. Building will be ready in 2011, whether traffic position will be resolved remains to be seen.

Other School Tidbits

- Grade four classes separated by birthdates. Appears to be working well according to teachers involved.
- Math/Science Lab on topic area being worked on in class. Haven't always had hands on in some concepts, therefore more hands-on certainly helps achievement of outcomes.
- Late French Immersion:
 - 75% of time suggested being spent on French. CMS has always had 60%.
 - Band 2010/11. Band this year is streamlined into Religion. Concern by some parents that students weren't getting enough French.
 - Band comes from French Immersion. This is being reviewed and more French instruction time sought (i.e. Physical Training in gym period; term 3 module delivered in French; etc.)
- School Clothing sales are ongoing.
- Roots of Empathy:
 - Two small babies (less than 6 months) are part of our curriculum. A Rewarding Program
- 4/5 Choir. Large group to perform at VOCCM Happy Tree lighting.

5.0 Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 25th at 7:00 PM** in the resource centre.