

**Roch Carrier E. School
School Council Meeting
December 1, 2009**

Call to order: time 7:05.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda proposed by Susan second by Lois, approved by all.

Presentation by Christine Desouza, Western Resource Centre, Best Start, Ottawa

Under the second phase of the Best Start Programs hubs are being created within communities to better facilitate community access to services. For Bridlewood, a hub is being proposed at the Bridlewood Community Elementary School. See attached pdf information for details. There was a discussion of the choice of location and goals of the program.

Principal's Report

#1- Thank you to:

- M. Prud'homme and Mme. MacDonald for taking on the organization of our Remembrance Day Ceremony ... the assembly was well attended by the community. A very special thank you to Major Farrell who represented the Armed Services and spoke to us about the important role Canada's armed forces have played over the years.

#2- Community support:

- as in previous years we will be supporting quite a few community groups; Kanata Food Cupboard, Snowsuit Fund, Toy Mountain...
- a special request has been made for items for boys ages 0-2year and girls ages 10-12.
- donations will be collected from December 7 – December 15

#4- Christmas assembly

- Dec 17th we will have a morning primary assembly where will sing songs, hear the choir and perhaps view a few classroom presentations...staff will contact parents if their class is presenting something as a class.

- Dec 18th we will have a morning junior assembly where will sing songs, hear the choir and perhaps view a few classroom presentations...staff will contact parents if their class is presenting something as a class.

#4- SIP School Improvement planning

- Our targeted skill will be: helping students to extend their understanding when reading of the author's big idea(s) by making inferences, connections, judgments and/or drawing conclusions. What we are looking for is deep understanding. These focussed efforts should translate into even higher reading scores.
- Our March/Parent/Teacher/Student interview format will take on the structure of structured portfolio meetings
- Parents will be invited to come in and meet with their child to review the child's writing portfolio
- The meeting will be structured and led by the child

#5- Important Dates

Dec 4	Evening interviews
Dec 5	Morning interviews
Dec 17	Primary Assembly 9am
Dec 18	Junior Assembly 9am
Dec 18	Last day of school before the holiday...classes resume Jan. 4th

Teacher report

(Did not receive electronic version)

School Council website

Thank you to Carl for his work on the school Council website. Domain name was purchased at a

cost of \$120.75 for three years and includes several e-mail accounts. The domain name is www.rochcouncil.ca . Information for parents will be posted to the new website. Carl has agreed to teach some parents how to update the website to ensure the information remains current.

Pace car program

Documents will be posted on the new website, and parents are encouraged to sign up to become neighbourhood pace cars.

Accommodations in Kanata Schools

Cynthia provided an overview of the presentation from previous meetings. There are issues with respect to enrollment in various schools within the Kanata and there is a need for additional school space to accommodate growth. The board is looking for direction with respect to community school models, including a dual track versus English only, middle French immersion versus the early French immersion.

There was a discussion on what proposal RCSC should make to the board. It was decided that Cynthia would draft a letter based on the discussion and circulate to members for comment before January. (Update: this action was completed.)

Committee reports

Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC), Lisa Y.

A reception was held that the board. However, not many trustees attended due to a conflict. Chalk it up included the discussed questions of balance days, fundraising for libraries, and lunch programs. There was a presentation on diversity. The minutes of the meeting can be found under minutes on the OCASC website at www.OCASC.CA .

Treasure report: See financial report.

Cookie dough sales are expected to result in a profit of \$1685.

Funds for the wish list have been released.

Fundraising

Cake Walk held on Dec. 3, 2009.

Zumba fundraising class to be held to February 24, 2010 at 6:30 PM with a cost of \$10/adult with a maximum of 100 people. Tickets will be pre-purchased. This fundraiser will be held to raise funds for environmental and musical initiatives within the school.

Roundtable

The Terry Fox walk will happen in the spring due to fundraising initiatives that were in place this fall.

Thanks to Caroline for getting Starbucks coffee for our meetings.

Concerns have been raised as to whether there are adequate jerseys or pinies for school sporting events. It was confirmed that there are sufficient numbers: 40 jerseys, 60 pinies.

Cynthia created a box in the health room labelled RCSC Council, contained supplies of pens and pencils that can be used as needed.

Volunteers have been sought to run the Snow Hawkes ski program this year. More information should be available in January.

Starbucks book drive is going well. Many books have been donated, and the book drive has been extended.

Carl asked if any teachers needed funds for music programs. Zumba fundraiser will help support music program.

Fundschrift raised \$511, over projection.

Dave reported the sound system has been fixed to reduce the feedback problems are currently three mics on stage and all is ready for Christmas performances.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting February 2, 2010