

Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2010

**Call to order, 7:02**

**Principal's Report**

#1- **Many** of our staff have or will be hosting teachers from other schools...in the coming months

#2- Our continued focus for School Improvement is Literacy with a specific focus on writing.  
We are also focusing on questioning and higher order thinking....

Examples:

- What impact do you think natural and man-made structures have on our daily life and on our environment?
- How do you think plants and humans (society) impact each other?
- What distinct characteristics of plants help them survive and contribute to various environments?
- How might today's society still be benefiting from the knowledge and traditions of the early settlers (Aboriginal/ European/American/ Asian)
- How might living in early settler times affect your roles and responsibilities? (interactions/interdependence)
- How might major events have shaped Medieval societies? (change)
- How might living in Medieval times affect your roles and responsibilities? (interactions/ interdependence)
- How do you think both cultures changed as a result of coming together? (change/cultures) What contributions/changes have survived or affected today?
- How do you think environment might have shaped the various Aboriginal societies? (interaction/ interdependence)
- Whose voices write history?

#3- Term 2 Report cards will go home on April 9

**Student- Led Conferences**

This April, your child will hold a "Student-Led Conference". Parents can expect to receive an invitation from their child scheduling the time and date to share and discuss his/her work. The goals for the students include:

- § sharing their writing portfolios
- § learning to communicate effectively
- § learning to reflect on their own writing and create goals for term III
- § being accountable for their work
- § learning organizational and leadership skills

- This is a wonderful opportunity for you, as a parent, to show a positive interest in your child's progress in writing, accept your child's reflections on his/her writing and goals, and provide your

child with support and encouragement for his/her school work.

#3- Our current numbers ....694

Kindergarten registration has started **we currently have 52 new students...JK**

**3 new SK and 1 new grade 1 student...and growing**

#3- The **staffing** process has started for next year.

We will be getting our projected numbers from planning **Feb. 8th**

Provincial primary caps will continue

Staffing allocation given to schools **April 6th**

Feb. 12	P.A. Day...no school for children
Feb. 15	Family Day
March 15-March 19	March Break
April 9	Report cards go home

### **Staff report**

- The Grade 5 EFI class (Mme. Laviolette's class) is participating in The IKEA breakfast chair program. We have been given a chair from IKEA and we have been challenged to come up with a 3D design for the chair. The students have been working very hard and they are designing a chair that represents acceptance from the character wheel. It involves a model of the Earth with multicolored hands made from clay and a "people" paper chain. This chair will be given back to IKEA and then auctioned off.
- The primary and junior teams met to discuss their wish lists. The primary team will be purchasing books for classroom libraries and take-home books. The junior team will be purchasing books for the book room with an emphasis on French books.
- The grade 4s, 5s and 6s have been playing volleyball at lunch. Mme. Lindquist and Mme Scott are selecting two teams to represent the Roch at a tournament in March.
- On February 25th, there will be an interactive African drumming and dance presentation for primaries and juniors. This group performed at President

Obama's inauguration.

- Mrs. Levy-Rick and Mrs. Paunins' classes have been selling Candigrams. All proceeds are going to the Haiti relief fund via the organization Free the Children. The sales continue until Friday and Candigrams will be passed out February 11th.
- CanWest Canspell spelling bee was held last week. Matthew Scott from Mme Laviolette's class won and will be representing our school at the NAC. His winning word was "pilgrimage".

In art we are...

An "art gallery" was set up to showcase art from different classes.

#### **New Business/Follow Up:**

Bridlewood Community Assc.(BCA)

There was a presentation from Margaret Kellaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., BCA. She provided an overview of the annual report of the BCA's activities, which can be found on their website at: [www.bridlewood.ca](http://www.bridlewood.ca). Issues mentioned included the Pace Car program, development issues within Bridlewood, community awareness and the upcoming Spring Sports run by the association. The annual BCA Playday is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> and RCES was invited to participate.

A donation of \$500.00 was generously presented to use to benefit the children at our school.

#### **School Council Website**

Cynthia is requesting volunteers to assist with the School Council Website and to help keep it up to date. If anyone has time to write materials/articles for the website, let Cynthia know.

#### **Snowhawks**

- Program to run Feb 9 to mar 2 - 4 weeks.
- 52 registrations received.
- Thank you to the office staff for their assistance with the collection of the forms.

### **Spring Dance**

A discussion of what to do in regards to the Spring event was held. The school has too large a population now to simply hold a Spring family dance as in past years. A committee was struck to discuss and make a proposal for the \$500 parent involvement grant. (Chris, Cynthia, Michael, David and Caroline)

### **Financial/Budget issue**

Paper usage - can paper costs to school be reduced through the use of email or website communication as opposed to paper notices? Looking into options, no decision taken.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **OCASC**

See <http://ocasc.ca> for minutes.

### **Treasurer**

The treasurer's report was presented. We are short on funds as revenues are not meeting the estimates with some of the fundraising activities. Expecting a \$2000 shortfall. A motion was made to reduce the spring book allocation by \$1500 and cultural presentation budget \$500.00. Proposed by Christine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave, carried unanimously.

### **Food**

Pizza orders are ongoing.

### **Fundraising**

Starbucks book drive resulted on about 400 books!! There was an article in EMC newspaper.

Zumba night to be held Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next Year - fundraising

- need to be more conservative on estimates.
- decision to be made about selling Entertainment books or pamphlets.

### **Close & Adjournment, 9:25**

Next meeting is on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 pm