

Dalewood School Council Meeting September 22, 2008

Attendees: Martha Hexamer, Cindy Rorke, Jayne Townley, July Chapelle, Suzanne Watson, Lynn Hare, Patti Georgeneau, Jane Peters, Kathy Garratt, Karrie Bortolussi, Valerie Archer, Jenny Schiffel, Lorna Garratt, Kathy Mason, Donna Parr, Karen Mowder, Troy Wallace

The executive was chosen for the School Council and these are the results:

**Chair: Karen Mowder
Vice-Chair: Donna Parr
Secretary: Lynn Hare**

The annual School Council Liaison Conference, which is sponsored by the District School Board of Niagara will be held on Wednesday, November 5 from 4:30 – 8:45 p.m. at St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School. Parents are invited to attend educational workshops to gain a further understanding of the education process. Please plan to attend.

Pizza days and hot lunches were discussed. It was decided to run pizza days once a week with an order form being sent home once a month. Pizza days are still allowed even though there is an advisory to reduce the amount of trans fats allowed within the schools. Hot lunches will be coming soon. Mr. Wallace is gathering information such as availability and pricing. More information will follow.

Thanks to Lorna Garratt new milk vending machines will be installed. Students can pay using cash or with a barcode sticker applied to their student cards. There will be more information to follow. A new milk fridge has been purchased from McNab.

The DSBN provides a Reaching Out Grant of \$1,000 to schools which Dalewood plans to use to fund a Career Day at the school using former Dalewood graduates. This will take place later in the year. Additionally, Mr. Wallace is hoping to use Dalewood Alumni to host a barbecue on Earth Day to thank the students for their hard work.

Mr. Wallace in his Principal's report suggested that the school year has been very successful so far. Total enrolment is 305 students with 5 grade seven classes (3 English, 2 Ext. French) and 6 grade eight classes (4 English, 2 Ext. French). There are plans for another grade eight English class.

There will be a semester system for Geography and History and a trimester system for Drama, Art and Music. Dalewood will be focussing on Literacy, Numeracy and character education with the focus on student well-being.

Vaccinations will be taking place on October 28 with the Grade 7's receiving their Hep B/Men C vaccine and the grade 8 girls receiving their HPV immunization.

The balanced day schedule is successful with the students and teachers satisfied with the amount of instruction time and break time.

The weather was great for Camp Dalewood and it was deemed a great success.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27 in the library. Everyone is invited to attend.