

DALEWOOD SENIOR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

October 24, 2011

PRESENT: Linda Crouch, Sue Dryczewycz, Dave Goberdhan, Christine Graham, Lorraine Gower (Vice-Principal), Starlene Kachur, Lynn Murray, Karen Natho, Kim Robinson, Troy Wallace (Principal)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Approved by L. Murray and seconded by L. Gower

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2011 MINUTES:

- Corrected to reflect Barbara Bartlett and Linda Crouch as co-chairs
- Approved minutes from September 2011 meeting

FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS:

- Parent Involvement Committee – 21st Century Learners Conference
 - November 2 from 4:30 to 8:45 at Eden Secondary School
 - <http://www.dsbn.org/schools/schoolcouncil/index.html>
 - Number of great workshops
 - Free day care
 - Prizes for schools that attend
 - Did not receive confirmation but will probably receive more information closer to date
 - Several have signed up
- Pizza Days & Hot lunches
 - Raised price to \$1.50 since sliced in 16 instead of 24
 - Has some whole grain in it, altered sauce so meets sodium guidelines
 - Process for distributing pizzas includes handling pizza with gloves. Two students assist parent volunteer to sort pizza by class. Student from each classroom comes to pick up folder and pizza for the class.
 - Cost per pizza is \$12
 - \$12 profit on each pizza
 - All proceeds go toward instrumental program
 - Can offer feedback after first pizza day and request changes
 - Boston Pizza, Antipastos and Just In Thyme were suggested as possible sources for hot lunches
 - Would need to portion Antipastos sizes to meet guidelines
 - Just in Thyme apportions by class and collects reusable containers
 - Suggestion made for parents to cook a hot lunch, e.g. whole wheat pasta, soup
 - Would have to be made onsite and check the ingredients in the recipe to ensure the guidelines are met
 - Need to be careful when cooking meat
 - Catering may be easier in a school of Dalewood's size
 - ACTION → S. Dryczewycz to help with pizza lunch including checking for consistency on Wednesdays from 12:30 until 1:05
 - ACTION → T. Wallace to include pizza information including request for feedback and need for someone to take on hot lunches that meet health guidelines in newsletter
 - ACTION → L. Murray to contact Dom's

- Career Day
 - To occur in April
 - Have received a couple of emails of people who are interested in speaking
 - Barbara may have a lawyer from her law office
 - Suggestion made to approach parents in January who may be willing to speak
 - Can prepare program to offer free advertising
 - Social issues was done last year
 - Career day was done two years ago with 25 speakers
 - Try to give students their top two choices
 - Also try to ensure speakers have students to hear their presentation
 - Could offer to whole school or could focus on Grade 7 and 8
 - Felt Grade 5's were too young
 - Could have individual speaker invited into Grade 5 classroom and have it relate to curriculum
 - Have emails from speakers from two years ago could contact
 - Difficulty obtaining speakers from the trades
 - L. Murray may be able to arrange for her husband to speak, a chiropractor, and a person serving in the army
- Snack Program
 - L. Gower attended a workshop
 - Program that supports schools, gives funding to support students in eating healthy snacks
 - Specific guidelines of what constitutes a healthy snack
 - Are able to handle vegetables, prefer hand washing repeatedly rather than wearing gloves since gloves may lead to cross contamination
 - Grant from Ministry, access website monthly, information is entered online
 - Prefer juice to be handed out 3 times per week and not offer granola bars everyday
 - When hot want to give out drink and are not offering water therefore juice is handed out
 - Ordered apples from local farmer
 - Need parent volunteer for Monday
 - Cheryl Morrison available on Thursday for snack program
 - Use some of the pizza money to meet the donations required from the school community since do not normally receive donations from students
 - Suggestion made to put jar out at parent teacher interview night
 - ACTION → L. Gower to scan and email list of healthy snacks
 - ACTION → To include in newsletter that snack program is available from Tuesday – Friday. Donations accepted but not required. If uncomfortable sending money with child, could give one time donation directly to office to support program
- School website
 - Password, user name for C. Graham to use
 - Drive was missing
 - This year there is an actual login
 - There is a school council tab, minutes are on website
 - Need information in pdf format
 - Home page shows the list of activities for the week
 - Will include newsletter and calendar for the month
 - Can include information about all of the different programs and clubs
 - Could update principal's message a few times during the year
 - ACTION → C. Graham to update website weekly

- ACTION → To put school council on website after checking verification forms and ensuring no other issues
- ACTION → Teacher's to give information directly to Christine
- Education Foundation of Niagara's Holly Jolly Celebration
 - DSNB charitable foundation – helps to serve our students, nutrition programs, can apply for a child in need in order to attend instrumental music
 - Celebration to be held November 26 at Club Italia
 - \$40/person, \$300 for a table of 8
 - Advise T. Wallace if interested who will co-ordinate a bottle of wine if there is a table of 8
- Alvin Law Presentation
 - Canadian motivational speaker, very humorous
 - Videos on alvinlaw.com
 - More smart boards, more play equipment, musical instruments, library, Rankin run were suggested to benefit from Alvin Law's presentation
 - Could allocate proceeds based on percentages
 - Rent Bethany which holds 1100 people, has lots of parking and reasonable rent
 - Tickets for \$10
 - Aiming for after Christmas
 - Presentation to adults and children
 - Could run every couple of years
 - Could have two shows in one day
 - Disability awareness, positive, setting goals
 - Offer to local schools, Bethany, etc so more financially viable
 - Morning and afternoon presentation for schools or evening presentation for adults
 - Approach Avondale, service clubs, newspaper advertising, Cogeco
 - Link to his website on school website
 - To contact principal's group who would probably sellout two performances
 - Focus to begin with Grade 7/8's, if there is still space will branch out
 - ACTION → Linda to contact Alvin Law about possible dates

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Trip Survey To Parents
 - Distributed October 24
 - Will base decision on majority
 - ACTION → More details to be presented to parents in November
- Performances
 - Annie opportunity came up after last council meeting
 - Felt beneficial for students
 - Parents are welcome to attend
 - Tickets are still available
 - Governor Simcoe is doing an Oliver performance
- Instructional Coach - Adolfo DiIorio
 - Shared with 3 other schools
 - Instructional coach works with teachers
 - DSNB driven, new this year to allow all schools to have this opportunity
 - Leading to co-teaching and co-planning, team effort
- Grade 8 Students Visit Secondary Schools
 - To occur November 2

- 3 schools: Sir Winston; Laura Secord; Governor Simcoe
- General presentation to high school, community hours, different programs
- What can expect in terms of what high school life is about
- Open houses will occur in late January
- Can have secondary schools come to Dalewood for a presentation
- Governor Simcoe will come in January with instruction on how to fill in intention sheets
- All intention sheets will be electronic
- Must complete alternate high school request form if would like to go to a high school that is not your home school
- ACTION → To send letter to parents
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - Friday November 11 at 10:30
 - Encouraging parents to attend
- Progress Reports
 - Not evaluative
 - Three categories: progressing with difficulty; progressing; progressing well
 - Letters have been sent home with times for teacher interviews
 - Can also meet rotary teachers
 - Encourage students to attend interview
 - ACTION → To be sent home November 15
- Dalewood 50th Reunion
 - To occur the afternoon of May 12
 - Have had a meeting
 - Next planning meeting November 3 at 3:30
 - Staff are going through yearbooks to contact previous
 - Flyers could be distributed in north end since many parents were Dalewood Students
 - Decade rooms, slide shows, memorabilia, cake, speeches, choir
 - Looking for input on whether to have an evening event
 - Renting Henley has been suggested but may have some challenges such as insurance, liquor license
 - Could go to a restaurant such as Stellas
 - Could have a venue for each decade room to allow parents to associate with people they know
 - Former staff would be torn with which venue to attend
 - Could section off one single venue by decades
 - Welcome to attend next planning meeting
 - ACTION → To add tab to website

OTHER ITEMS & QUESTIONS:

- Halloween
 - Dance during school hours for Grade 7/8 1:30 to 3:00
 - \$3 if activity card, \$4 otherwise
 - Students not attending the dance will be in the library
 - Allowed to bring something from home they are interested in doing
 - Costumes encouraged for the afternoon, weapons not allowed
 - ACTION → To send home information for Grade 5
- Treasurer Role
 - Question raised whether there has ever been a treasurer position

- Could have treasurer role but not aware of ever having the position at Dalewood
- Also offered to explain school budget

NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting will be held on November 21, 2011 at 6:30 in the library

Recorder: Sue Dryczewycz

Principal: Troy Wallace