



APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday June 11, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Parent Members: Penny Devine (Co-Chair), Jan Yousef (Co-Chair), Annemarie McKay (Secretary), Ella Dicker (Communications-E-Mail), Debbie Austin (Comm. Newsletters), Nicole Sells, Wendy Chant, Marina Ghaznavi, Anita Srinivasan, Nancy Bonus

Staff Members: Ted Byers (Principal), Patrick Tannahill (Teacher)

Student Members: Gloria Hu

WELCOME: Penny Devine welcomed all present, and introductions were made.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held April 16, 2009 were approved.

STUDENT REPORT: Gloria Hu (Grade 10)

- Shani Ocquaye is resigning from Student Council as this was her last year
- Rachel Myers will be replacing Shani
- Arts Banquet held on May 28th
- Grad Breakfast June 5th was a success
- WonderGrad Day and Car Wash coming up
- EQAO Test Results in
- ISU Exams beginning

Student Plans for Next Year: Rewrite Constitution; 30 hour famine for World Hunger; Carnival planned to replace Halloween Dance next October

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

1. Enrollment and staffing 2009-2010

- Retirements: Mrs. Harrigan
- Moving to other schools: Mr. Milligton, Mr. Pullen, Ms Irvine, Mr McLean, Ms Clarke, Ms Aitken, Ms Gill
- Returning staff: Ms Turner, Ms Bilic
- New staff: Ms Cacciola, Ms Thorpe, Ms Bond, Mr. Sanger

2. Events of Note in May/June:

- OSSLT
 - 88% pass rate amongst first-time writers. (Peel 84%, Province 85%)
 - 58% pass rate amongst repeat writers. (Peel 53%, Province 54%)

- In Peel, 98% of students are successful by the end of grade 12
- My Career, My Future – very positive feedback
- Student Leadership
 - Stephanie Ha has been elected president of PSPC
 - "We Welcome the World": fostering leadership among diverse students. Federal money has been identified for Applewood to support this program
- Athletics – 7 ROPSSAA championships this year!
- Arts – excellent year-end awards banquet to celebrate a good year
- Business, DECA, Math – student winners. The Board's "Stellar" event, which recognizes Peel students who have won provincial and national awards, honoured Alan Wong for Math, and the Girls Rugby team

3. Upcoming Events:

- June 25th 10:00 – 12:00 report card pickup

4. School Opening 2009

- Sept 2, 3 PD days for staff
- Tues. Sept 8 – first day of school for students
- Wed. Sept 9 (morning) – Great Start program for grade 9's only. Classes begin for all students at approximately 12:00 noon

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Jan Yousef, Co-Chair

Thank You for Your Support

- This is our last scheduled meeting for this school year. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this year. It's been a busy year, but we have accomplished quite a lot. And parents have been much more engaged this year – and we saw this in the lively discussions at council meetings and the involvement in Project Mosaic.

Accomplishments

Goals	Accomplishments	Meeting
Guest Speakers	Guest Speaker - Raza-Qureshi, Teacher AHSS Learning Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explained to us how the Learning Centre works to help at risk students within the school environment 	Oct.
	Guest Speaker – 4 student leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Leadership Program 	Feb.
Newsletters	The School Council sent out newsletters to parents with the December, March and June report cards, and one is planned to go out with the August 2009 information package. The newsletters contained information about the school council, invited all parents and guardians to participate and included student success stories and updates on Project Mosaic.	December/08 March/09 June/09 August/09
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Great success again! Thanks to all of you who 	Jan.

Appreciation Breakfast	contributed food and drinks and time to help us make this annual event so successful!	
Project Mosaic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Reaching Out Grant application prepared (Oct./08) • Grant application approved (Feb./09) • Analyzed 2007-08 school surveys • Continued to expand parent/family email database and used system to increase communication between home and school community • New School Council website launched • Series of workshops held on key topics of interest as identified in surveys, great feedback received 	
Annual Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Annual Report prepared for Peel Board • Project Mosaic Report prepared for Ministry of Education 	
Meeting Schedule for 2009-10 School Year	<p>September 17, 2009 October 22, 2009 November 19, 2009 January 14, 2010 February 18, 2010 April 22, 2010 May 20, 2010</p>	

Next Meeting: September 17, 2009

Minutes Prepared by A. McKay