

SHERIDAN SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES of meeting held: **Tuesday, June 7, 2011**

Present: Danielle Ferguson, Marian Gage, Louanne Henderson, Margaret Henry, Chantal Ingram, Tina Katz, Karen Morrison, Andrea Rowe, Stacey Sinclair-Zahary, Leona Skanes and Mr. Stone.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:09 PM

Welcome: Chantal welcomed everyone to the table. Introductions were made.

Minutes: Motion by Karen Morrison to approve the May Minutes. Marian Gage 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Andrea presented the Treasurer's Report. No major expenses for the month of May. We are currently awaiting an invoice for the new speakers and laptop which we agreed to purchase on behalf of the school. We will be paying Fit 2 Dance \$350 + tax, for the upcoming dance lessons for the students. **Funds available for allocation: \$3600.**

Principal's Update:

- 1. Violinist.** Thank you for providing Sheridan with the Violinist; she was very well received by the students.
- 2. Falgarwood Student Orientation.** The Grade 5 class was recently invited to an orientation event at Falgarwood. They were given a tour, a pizza lunch and treated to a dance.
- 3. Homework Helpline.** A speaker from the Ministry of Education was recently at Sheridan to talk to the teachers about a

new program called the Homework Helpline. This program will start board-wide in September. Information for parents will be sent out at that time.

4. **EcoSchools.** Sheridan recently had a site visit from the EcoSchools group, the inspector seemed impressed and we are currently waiting the results of that visit.
5. **School Effectiveness Survey.** Mrs. Restivo went over the School Effectiveness Survey with the Grade 4s and 5s. Thank you to all parents who also answered this survey.
6. **Fifth Disease.** We have another confirmed case of Fifth Disease and, therefore, Mrs. Restivo and Mrs. Herbst will be away from the school for the time being.
7. **JK/SK Concert.** Mr. Stone and Mrs. Hay-Hussain recently held a JK/SK Concert which was enjoyed by all!
8. **Staff Appreciation.** Sheridan Staff were very pleased with the Staff Appreciation event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and who prepared food for this event.
9. **Website.** We have been given the go-ahead to revamp the Sheridan website. We will be using the Sharepoint program as the basis of our site, which is the same template as the HDSB website. Certain Website Co-ordinators will be given access to this program in order to keep it up to date.
10. **EQAO.** The EQAO testing is almost complete; certain students who were away are just finishing up the testing.
11. **JK Orientation.** JK Orientation was last week; thank you to Council for setting up a EcoSchools/Volunteer/Healthy Snack table.

- 12. All Day Kindergarten.** Sheridan has been designated as an All Day Kindergarten for the 2013 School Year.
- 13. Staff Changes.** Mrs. Hanson had the opportunity to move to Singapore with her husband and left Sheridan as of June 1st. Mrs. Stapleford will be retiring as of the end of this school year. Mrs. Hay-Hussain has accepted a new position at Post Corners. Mrs. Irene Lovell will be joining the Sheridan Staff as of September.

Other Business:

Back To School BBQ. The Back to School BBQ is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 22nd. Andrea Rowe is going to arrange to have an Oakville Chilled Filtered Water Booth at the event (which is free of charge). We will be selling Sheridan Water Bottles. A BBQ Planning Night will take place during the week of September 13th.

Motion by Stacey Sinclair-Zahary to book Scooters BBQ to sell hamburgers and hot dogs at the BBQ. Marian Gage 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Danielle Ferguson to allocate a maximum of \$500 to pay for a Steel Drum Band to play at this event. Karen Morrison 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Margaret Henry to allocate \$100 to pay for any incidentals with respect to the BBQ. Andrea Rowe 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Morrison to allocate any of the left over PIC money to purchase/make Welcome signage/Name Stickers for the BBQ. Marian Gage 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Outdoor Bulletin Board. Council Members have agreed to purchase the 2 window bulletin board which will be located on the wall outside of Mr. Stone's kindergarten class and which will give Sheridan the opportunity to post Sheridan news and reminders. This is being purchased with our PIC money.

Sheridan Volunteer Tees. Chantal has looked into ordering the T-shirts for the Sheridan Council. After much discussion a colour was chosen! The front of the tee will read - Sheridan and the back – Volunteer. These shirts will be available for the Back to School BBQ.

September Council Meeting. The first Council meeting of the School Year will take place on Tuesday, September 20th at 7PM; a package with respect to Council and elections will be sent out to parents at the beginning of the year.

Council Newsletter. Chantal Ingram is currently drafting a newsletter to all parents in order to inform them of this year's events and fundraisers (we raised \$12,610 this year). She will indicate how much we made through our fundraisers and how we used that money over the past year. As well as, she would like to encourage parents to come out to Council meetings next year.

Field Trips. The Sheridan Council would like to encourage more field trips during the 2011/2012 school year and in so doing; will offer teachers \$3/per person towards an **off-site** field trip. Motion by Margaret Henry to allocate approximately \$600 towards any off-site field trip. Karen Morrison 2ND the motion. Motion

carried.

Teacher Stipends. Motion by Danielle Ferguson to allocate \$1000 towards Teacher Stipends for the 2011/2012 school year (\$100/full-time teacher; and \$50/part-time teacher). Stacey Sinclair-Zahary 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

EcoSchools. Motion by Marian Gage to allocate \$100 towards plant materials for the pot located at the front of the school (which will be re-planted in September). Stacey Sinclair-Zahary 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Fall Arts Performance. Motion by Stacey Sinclair-Zahary to allocate \$500 towards a Fall Arts Performance. Karen Morrison 2ND the motion. Motion carried.

Fundraising/Sheridan Events Plan for 2011/2012 School Year. The following are the fundraising/Sheridan event plans for next year:

- 1st Movie Night will take place in November.
- We will once again host the annual Christmas Bazaar in December
- 2nd Movie Night will take place in February.
- Dance-A-Thon – March.
- We hope to have another April Arts Week; along with a school performance and the third annual Basket Raffle.
- Stacey Sinclair-Zahary, the Sheridan Arts Co-ordinator, is also planning to have three different arts groups in our school over the next year.

Motion by Stacey Sinclair-Zahary to adjourn meeting at 8:39PM. Tina Katz 2ND the motion.

Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
September 20th.