

Monday Sept.16 @6:35 Val called meeting to order.

Attending the meeting were Sharon,Mme Giroux,Brenda,Val,Kerry,Kelly,Christine Peter,Tammy,Jennifer Nutt,Cheryl.

Regrets Jennifer Finnis.

Guests were Ellen Everson,Karen Benson and Hugh Cleland.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

The elections were held tonight and Jenn Finnis is the chair,no one stepped forward except for her. Val Leonard is the vice chair no one stepped forward except for her. We have no secretary or treasurer at this time. Christine Lee maybe interested on one of these positions and we let us know at the next meeting whether she will take one or not.

Principals' Report

School Council- Sept. 16, 2008

A great big thank you to all members of the 2007/2008 School Council. Your efforts and time is deeply appreciated by our staff and we are blessed to have each of you with us each month.

We are off to a great start. New staff: Carola De Felice, Craig Groen, Jeremy Alward
Enrolment is 340. MFI at 16.

We have Jk/Sk/- 1/2,2/3,3/4-MFI4-5/6,6- 3 grade 7s, 3 grade 8s, 7/8.

Sp Ed support is inclusive to allow for full integration of kids. Support teachers are inclass with some exceptions for math. Screening of all intermediate students using CAT3 as well as reading assessments of all kids is happening this month.

Balanced School Day is running well. 2 breaks at 10:55-11:40am and 12:20-1:05pm.

Milk is delivered for second break. Sharing structure in an organized way with St. Catherines.

EQAO scores are in and we are proud to share that we have made gains!!!

Grade 3 -Reading 65 from 36, Writing 65 from 36, Math 60 from 43.

Grade 6 -Reading 78 from 52, Writing 74 from 53, Math 50 from 38 for students assessed, Numbers are misleading for this Grade if we only look at results posted in paper which include those students who did not participate, which are counted as 0.

We are very pleased with the improvements and know that many of last year's initiatives ie. Booster groups at lunch, prep in classes, programming using EQAO language constructs have all assisted our kids to succeed! We have placed language improvement once again as our main school improvement plan for this year, with 5% improvement for Grades 3&6 reading, and 10% improvement for writing. PD Day on October 3 will be focused on Assessment and Evaluation.

Facility improvements: new bathrooms in kindergarten, gate to be attached to p/j entrance, halls painted, doors to be painted, 2 walls to be installed in place of accordion walls, and front garden has been a joint improvement of council and school, new flag pole.

Two fire drills have run well. Lockdown drill to follow shortly.

Newsletter going green. To be posted on website during the first week of each month.

QSP Fundraiser will run from Sept. 26-Oct.15

Rideauwood and SRO will continue to support school.

Our Consultants will be Tina Shanahan from Psychology, Elizabeth Watt from Speech Language Pathology, Peter Howe from Social Work.

September Parent Council
VP Report

Again this year we will be focusing on one character theme each month. Character assemblies will be happen every two months certificates given in the classroom each month. Our first assembly will be held on October 30 at 1:10pm Parents are always welcome to attend.

Sports

Several teams underway

Mr. Alward is coaching the boys intermediate touch football as well as both the girls and boys Jr. soccer teams

Mrs. Brown is running the girls intermediate touch football

Mrs. Burton is looking after the intermediate cross country teams

Mrs. Belanger is looking after the junior cross country teams

Class field trips are already being planned

Gr. 7 are off to the war museum on Nov 4th

Gr. 7's are going for an extended day trip to McSkimming on October 31st

Gr. 8's are also going to McSkimming

Val will check and see if Lisa Cook is still willing to keep our website up and going and I will inform council at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Oct.7 @ 6:30 pm in the library.

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm