

Lambton Kingsway School and Parent Council  
Minutes of Meeting Held Monday April 6, 2008

Next Meeting: Monday June 8, 2008

Council Attendance:

Julie Burdon

Kelly Caddel

Johann Cooper

Mary Fernandes

Sue Filan

Susan Gillmeister

Jody Greifenberger

Corry Haslam

Lianne Hill

Kathy Kranias

Diane Kress

Judy Langille

Danjela Malobabic

Asko Marjanovic

Cindy McGee

Sara McLean

Stephen McLean

John Prince

Sue Pritchard

Diane Quintal

Janet Robertson

Brenda Robinson

Effie Stathopoulos

Debora Steggle

Glen Wilson

Denise Wright

Absent: Julie Crossland, Rose Ducharme, Miriam Freifeld, Anouchka Freybe, Kristine Laco, Alison Porter.

1. Introduction – Lianne Hill

- The first order of business is to approve the minutes from April's meeting.

Motion to Approve November's Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> – Sue Pritchard - 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Wilson....Carried

2. Treasurers Report –Janet Robertson

- Operating budget comes from Springfest revenue
- Jody Greifenberger has confirmed that the Springfest Games committee has raised what they spend and there are more offerings this year.
- Springfest chair feels that Springfest 2009 will be a success.
- If Springfest does not do well, the suggestion is to reduce committee budgets by 10% across the board
- 2009/10 suggested operating budget will include a \$250 increase for the Environment Committee, postponement of School Yard expenditures (\$4000) and reduction in spending for the proposed Artist in the School Programme.
- If Springfest makes more money than anticipated, the Resource Committee, Literacy Committee and Music Committee would all like increases to their budgets.
- With the economic climate the way it is, an operating budget increase is not advisable.
- Glen Wilson suggests that we should look at our existing contracts ie. for music repair and see if they can be re-negotiated .
- Janet Robertson puts forth a motion to approve the Operating budget at \$28, 650.  
Motion to Approve

1<sup>st</sup>-Janet Robertson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Gillmeister...carried. Eighteen in favour.

Captial Projects-Janet Robertson (continued)

- The Kindergarten Borrow a Book Programme is to be extended. Increased number of books, wider range of levels to be provided and lost and damaged readers to be replaced. (\$2000)
- Special Education budget will be \$2600. Laptop with speech software to be purchased.
- Music budget of \$7500 to purchase a moveable Orf cart, white board and additional instruments. Suggested adjustment of budget to \$4000 if fundraising runs short.
- Purchase of two Smart Boards for a Jr. and a Sr. Class (\$8000). Suggested budget adjustment to \$4000 in the event of a shortfall.
- IT expenditure of \$5000 to extend the wireless network in the school and for the purchase of a document camera/projector.
- Total of \$14,500 to be spent on Numeracy to benefit grades 1, 2, 3 & 6. The number could potentially be reduced to \$8750 if fundraising is inadequate.
- The money will be spent on math manipulatives for these grades.
- Glen Wilson enquired why the expenditure was so large for Numeracy.
- Kelly Caddel suggested that a lot of money had been spent on literacy over the last few years and the math department was in need of extra funding.
- Reason, math manipulatives are a great boost for problem solving.

There is a concern on council about what should be done if the required money is not raised.

- The consensus was to cut out one of two Smart Board purchases.
- Diane Quintal suggested a fundraising theme would be a good idea.
- "Math Year" was the theme decided upon.

Glen Wilson enquired as to why the IT budget included expansion of the wireless network.

- Architecture of the school makes the existing ports unable to work everywhere according to Kelly & Stephen.
- The initial wireless network was installed by the TDSB as a pilot project to see if the technology would be useful. It was never the board's intention to extend it throughout the school.
- Four more ports are required according to the administration's assessment.
- Parent Council has been asked to pay for the instalment because the TDSB will not pay for it.

Sue Pritchard questions purchase of only one laptop for Special Education.

- Ministry grants money for computers not the school board.
- Currently, it takes upwards of two years for a student who is eligible to get a laptop.
- The administration estimates that anywhere between fifty and seventy kids need a computer.
- A number of the computers currently assigned to Spec. Ed. Students will be leaving the school over the next two years.

### 3. Principal's Report- Kelly Caddel

- Enrolment for 2009/10 school year is expected to be 743.
- 36 ½ teaching positions have been allotted to LKS.

- Three teachers currently on leave of absence are not coming back. They include Mr. Pollicechio, Dr. Grant and Mr. Graham.
  - No teachers are to be declared surplus.
  - Mrs. Caliguri will be returning from maternity leave in January. She will be returning part time only.
  - Mr. Ross will be full time in September.
  - The administration predicts there will be less splits next year.
  - The school yard Astro Turf plan has been drawn up by the landscape designer.
  - The turf has a running track around it.
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4. Vice-Principal's Report-Stephen McLean
    - Earth Week is ready to go.
    - Earth Week at LKS will be April 20-24<sup>th</sup>.
    - The week will kick off with an assembly.
    - Waste audits will be conducted by grade 6, 7 & 8's.
    - Grade 5's will go to the Kids World of Energy Festival at Exhibition Place May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Teachers Report-Cindy McGee & Danjela Malobabic
    - Swimming, Badminton & Cricket are three of the Sports teams on the go right now.
    - Battle of the Bands is coming up very soon. It is a Student Council initiative.
    - Lambton Idol for grades 4-8 will be premiering as well. The entire school will be invited to watch.
    - Grade 8 fundraising bake sale will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - The voting week for Forest of Reading is April 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - The library blog is now hooked up to Kelly's
    - The teachers would like to express their thanks for the appreciation luncheon. Community Outreach committee did a fantastic job organizing the event and the teachers loved it.
    - Wizard of Oz matinee will be the afternoon of April 28<sup>th</sup>(cost \$5)
    - The evening performances will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (cost \$10)
    - Staff and students will be able to attend the dress rehearsal on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
  6. Springfest- Jody Greifenberger
    - The Springfest committees are all in good shape.
    - There are more food choices this year.
    - Fourteen classes are contribution projects to the Silent Auction.
  7. Physical Education- Jody Greifenberger
    - Ribbons will be given out to students who participated in houseleague sports
    - New soccer balls have been purchased
    - House league soccer will begin soon
  8. Community Outreach- Mary Fernandes
    - Kindergarten registration went well. Cookies and books were handed out on behalf of Parent Council.

- The teacher luncheon went well this year. A restaurant atmosphere was cultivated in the gym.
9. Literacy
- Kenneth Oppal is coming in for the grades 7 & 8's.
  - Sean Cassidy will be doing seven presentations for the Kindergarten classes.
  - French books are being purchased for the library
  - One book fair left.
  - The book fair provider has been changed from Minnow to MablesFables(Scholastic).
10. Environment- Johann Cooper
- Kathy's Crawlers is coming to present to grades 1, 2 & 3.
11. Fall Fundraiser- Trish Thompson
- Acorn fundraiser will run again in the fall.
  - The fundraising goal will be \$7500.
  - Rosethorn Public School ran a successful "Dance a thon" as a fundraiser. \$10,000 was raised at the event.
  - Idea might be a good one to introduce at LKS.
  - The event would need a chair person(s).
12. Growth Management- Asko Marjanovic
- Five year growth projections for LKS were to come out in February.
  - There are 743 students at LKS currently.
  - Next year's projections are for 742.
  - Next few years demographers are expecting the numbers to drop to 732.
  - Steel girders are to be sanded and re-painted soon.
  - The air quality inspection for the portable is coming up in July.

Next Meeting- May 11 at 7:30pm

Motion to Adjourn - 1st Janet Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Gillmeister

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17

