



Minutes

Stoneybrook Parent School Council

Wednesday

February 11, 2015

7:00 p.m – 8:30 p.m Library

Parents. Teachers. Students & the Community Working Together



Present: Jody Paget, Charlotte and Shin, Wendy Loupos, Eliana Caranci, Ranulf Glanville, Cynthia Kneale, Lorraine Lewis, Julie Peters, Lesley Hart, Simone Bonello, Sheri Taylor, Allyson Watson, Tammie Ashton

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	Item
1.	Approval of January 14, 2015 Minutes
2.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank You Special thanks to Jane Jacob and helpers for running cake day. Thank you to Karen Willits for agreeing to step in to help coach the girls' basketball team. • Junior Kindergarten Registration Reminder to spread the word that registration for Junior Kindergarten continues this month. • School Improvement Program A group of principals visited Stoneybrook yesterday to showcase our school and facilitate networking amongst principals. Cynthia hosted the Superintendent today. • School News <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Healthy Schools Fun Fit Bingo and Staff Challenge continue. 2. MS read-a-thon is running. 3. Math club and dance club have started. We are grateful that Mr. McMillan has agreed to come in to run math club. 4. Eric Walters, a successful Canadian youth author, is visiting the school. The teachers were encouraged to consider in the future approaching Parent Council for funds to supplement the cost of bringing this type of outstanding program to our school so that it does not have to be subsidized by the students. 5. The grade 6 numeracy night had to be canceled as not enough families were able to attend. The grade 3 numeracy night is scheduled for later in the month. 6. Some painting of doors and wall is being completed at the school and upgrades to the boys' washroom were completed earlier in the year. 7. The grades 7 and 8 classes did an excellent job on the perseverance assembly. 8. The grade 8 fundraiser of crush-grams for Valentine's Day will be going home on Friday. Administration has received some parent concern with

	<p>pop being available at the school and these concerns have been shared with the grade 8 teachers to keep in mind for future fundraisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Representatives Report Shin and Charlotte reported on the following school news:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The boys' and girls' basketball teams are doing well;b. Cake day raised over \$1500 for the school;c. Next week is Heritage Week and there will also be focus on Black History Month. Mrs. White is leading these programs.d. The social justice committee is running a "For the Love of Books" collection, a ½ day Vow of Silence program, will be attending the food bank and continues to collect stamps.
3.	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Project Shark Play – Julie Peters<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cynthia and Julie are following up to ensure the purchase order is being initiated at the Board. The remaining donation of \$5,000 from the Optimist Club of North London has been received at the Board. The extraction of the old playground is scheduled for the week after school ends in June and the installation of the new playground is scheduled for the following week. Cynthia will ensure that our new Superintendent is well aware of this schedule. The committee is considering a communication to parents in May or June 2015 and a grand opening/ribbon cutting at Meet the Teacher in September 2016. <u>ACTION:</u> update at next meeting.2. Survey for Parents and Teachers, School By-Laws, Dress Code & Code of Conduct – Andrew Johnson<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No update. Andrew was unable to attend today's meeting so Jody will follow up with him. <u>ACTION:</u> Jody to follow up with Andrew. <u>ACTION:</u> Andrew to circulate draft survey to SPSC members. Members to review and provide feedback within two weeks. Survey to go out to parents in March. <u>ACTION:</u> Andrew to coordinate small group to review school dress code and code of conduct. <u>ACTION:</u> Andrew to review by-laws and send to Tammie and then circulate to SPSC members for comment.4. Balanced Day – Jody Paget<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jody sent an email through SPSC website inviting interested persons to be on a committee to investigate bringing Balanced Day schedule to Stoneybrook. Ten people responded. With Cynthia and teacher representation, there will be approximately 12 people in this group .It was discussed that this committee must remain neutral on the issue of whether or not Balance Day is brought to our school. This committee is charged with educating our parent community in order that they can make an educated decision on whether or not to move to Balanced Day. This committee does not have any decision making power on the issue and should not influence the issue one way or the other. It was discussed that a member of the SPSC should chair this committee in order to provide some direction. <u>ACTION:</u> Jody will discuss with Michelle her interest in leading this committee. The committee members will be directed to the Balanced Day material on the SPSC website and encouraged to review it before a meeting in April. A meeting of the committee will be arranged

(suggestion: ½ an hour before the April SPSC meeting).

5. Family Fun Night – Allyson Watson & Tammie Ashton

- Tammie and Allyson have started planning. There has been some struggle to replace the bouncy castle-type games of the past (which are no longer permitted by our Board). Tammie and Allyson are going to discuss with the teachers whether the grade 8 students could again organize games, however we would provide more resources for them (a water balloon slingshot, a parachute, etc.) and have a plan for promoting attendance at the games. The committee is considering a Games Passport to encourage attendance at each game. Prizes would be awarded for having attended all the games on the passport and there may be a draw for a larger prize. There will be fewer or no IFast games.
- The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of buying/borrowing vs renting BBQs for the event. The school has traditionally owned a BBQ which died last year. We also need 2-3 other people to bring their BBQs for this event each year. Julie reported that Porkys offers a BBQ rental program for approximately \$300 where they drop off, set up and pick up a large (5.5 ft) industrial BBQ. The group discussed logistics, safety, liability and hygiene issues around the two options and the fact that the BBQ is only used once per year and agreed that renting is the best option.
- It was agreed that a popcorn machine should be purchased, since it is used multiple times per year and does not have the logistics, safety and hygiene issues. Sheri Taylor reported on initial information she has found on popcorn machines, which appear to be available in the range of \$200-\$300.

ACTION: Ranulf agreed to contact Kennedys Kritters to see if they can be booked for the event and to get costs.

ACTION: Aliana will lead the basket raffle, with assistance from Tammie and volunteers to be recruited.

ACTION: Julie will book rental of the 5.5ft Porkys BBQ.

ACTION: Jody will recruit her in-laws to run the BBQ.

ACTION: Sheri Taylor will continue to look into purchasing a popcorn machine in time for the event.

ACTION: Shin and Charlotte will discuss with the grades 7/8's what type of games they'd be interested in and report back to Allyson and Tammie.

ACTION: Aliana will look into hairdressers for the event and their costs.

ACTION: Allyson and Tammie will continue to coordinate the program and report back at the next SPSC meeting.

4. School Council Business

1. Popcorn Helpers

- Lesley reported that 10 grade 6 helpers had been recruited to help with Popcorn Fridays. The grade 8s are mentoring them. These same volunteers will be ready to help with hot lunch in grades 7 and 8. This allows us to reduce reliance on parent involvement and provides a good training program for volunteers.

2. SPSC Volunteers

- Allyson suggested that we consider 2 year staggered terms for the major SPSC volunteer positions (other than executive positions) – Family Fun Night chair, Cake Day chair, Meet the Teacher Night chari, QSP drive

	<p>coordinator, hot lunch coordinator, communications, popcorn coordinator, etc. and for those positions to be determined at the end of each year for the following year.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> put on agenda for last meeting of each school year.</p> <p>3. Grade 8 Graduation and SPSC ongoing financial support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jody reported that SPSC has traditionally given \$15/graduate to help with the expense of the graduation party. SPSC has been requested to donate this amount again. As a number of people had to leave this meeting early, there is not a quorum, so Jody will take a vote on the request by email. <p><u>ACTION:</u> Jody will canvass the SPSC voting members by email to determine financial support.</p>	
5.	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranulf circulated and reviewed the current financial report. Ranulf confirmed receipt in the past month of Lunch Lady funds from hot dog day, funds from the Board to reimburse for SPSC Hub, QSP funds and cake day proceeds. 	
6	<p>Future Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct and Dress Code Review Update Balanced Day Committee Update Parent Survey Update SPSC By-laws Update Project Shark Play Update Family Fun Night Update Outdoor FDK space (Cynthia to advise when this item needs to be placed on agenda again) 	
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Jody will canvass SPSC members regarding availability for a meeting in March and communicate whether the next meeting will be March 11 or April 8, 2015.</p>	