

Glen Ridge Public School, Council Meeting
November 22, 2011
6:30 –Library

Present: Michelle Daly, Stacy Robillard, Hollyce Nunnenmacher, Laurielle Allan, Carrie Neilson, Paul Sebastianelli, Katie Freure, Julia Eckert

Regrets: Lisa Raham, Amber Butler, Penny Easey, Cheryl Cook, Linda Bowden, Miranda Brittain, Tony Rupnik

Approval of minutes

Update on Silent Auction

- Silent Auction Update: approximately 80 people attended the Silent Auction raising a total of \$4187 plus the credit card totals (\$1189.00) being processed by Adam Cook @ the Credit Bureau (WOW!!).

Suggestions for next year:

- There was a lot of leftover food, if held at the Golf Club again, order food for 50 people.
- Games like the golf game worked, the Crown and Anchor game was not as well received. Prices for the non-alcoholic drinks were too high (\$5 for pop), negotiate this for next year. Laurielle to have Paul look into this.
- Less paper be used for advertising - possibly use bulk email and blaze casts.
- The musician Dan Dyer offered his services for next year at the same rate of \$400, council decided to make this decision when we approach the planning for the event in the Spring.
- Hollyce offered to set up an online survey to ask parents for their feedback on this event.
- Hollyce to create an online survey for parent/community input (lets see how we can make it better)

Treasury Report

- Cheryl was away, but the report was submitted. Discussion occurred regarding the funds in the Garden Grant account. It was felt that this money should be used in a productive way, and not just sit dormant in our bank account. Paul offered to look into the cost of shade trees for the playground, and report back to Council.

Principal's Report

- Thank you to all who made the Silent Auction a success
- New Safety Features (vests, walkie-talkies, door locked at lunch)
- Grade 5 Cave Spring Trip (only 1 grade 5 girl, no other schools want to do an overnight trip, cost is also a concern (grade 5, grade 6 and grade 7/8), what do the grade 4s do for a year end trip (grade 5s in the 4/5 class do 2 big trips at the end of the year?), spoke with Mrs. Milko and she is excited to get to plan something for her entire class to do together)

- Purchase of individual white boards (cost = \$542.00) (need to purchase brushes) (Raz-Kids?)
- Junior STAT Conference

The guest speaker, **Spencer West** is the feature speaker of this year's conference.. Inspirational and charismatic, Spencer West speaks candidly about the struggles he overcame after losing his legs at the age of five. He speaks about overcoming stereotyping and bullying, about finding meaning and happiness in a material world and how he never lost the hope or courage needed to mount personal obstacles. Infused with humour and humility, his thought-provoking message inspires people to find opportunity in every challenge. With every speech, Spencer leaves an indelible mark on his audiences, instilling hope and strong leadership so that they can inspire others to create positive change

- Grade 5/6 – 12 Days of Giving for Community Care (focus for each day is on the school calendar)
- Holiday Happenings – Dec. 21 2:30 and 6:30
- every class will be singing a song
- Sip 'n Sing (hot apple cider or hot chocolate for parents in the evening)
- will be asking for a donation for Community Care
- Parent Night – What would parents like to see – literacy/numeracy/technology/something else?
- Next Meeting agenda item – Balanced School Day (one of a small group of schools that have not moved yet, spoken with admins and they will be moving this year, staff are behind moving to a balanced day because of the benefits). Council has supported the move to a balanced day. A message will be put out in the newsletter as it has to come to a vote to see if this moves forward or not.

Discussion: Grade 5 Cave Spring Trip – this tradition maybe stopping as we have only 1 girl in the grade 5 class and she isn't allowed to bunk in with a teacher and not allowed to stay by herself in a cabin. Plans for the gr 4/5's are being planning a trip organized by Darlene Milko. Other topics discussed were Carbon Offsets / correspondence delivery, Pizza days, M&M Meat Day, School grounds, Poinsettia's, Blaze Cast messages (feedback).

New Business

Teachers have requested the "Nelson Literacy" system for their classrooms. Council decided to purchase this system for the primary grades for this year, with the hope that the junior grades could be purchased in upcoming years.

Council set a goal to provide more net books for the students @ Glen Ridge, with hopes to purchase 8 by June to compliment the existing net books currently being used.

Next Meeting - January 24 @ 6:30pm in the library