

Valhalla Community School
School Council
Minutes: October 1, 2012

Attendees:

Barb Lind, Amie Nemezc, Steve Mumert, Margo Steele, Gail Stedel, Monica Modrall, Deanne Schley, Brenda Kjemhus, Jennifer White, Pat Moutray, Lorraine Gerow, Janelle Trodd, Anna Odd, Teresa Boucher, Donna Mumert

Called to Order: 7:12 pm

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from June meeting adopted as read, with corrections. Motion: Lorraine Gerow 2nd: Anna Odd, Carried.

Minutes from Sept 25th meeting adopted as read, with corrections. Motion: Anna Odd, 2nd: Teresa Boucher. Carried.

Old Business

- Playground: Viviane started on contacts for playground equipment. Teresa to speak to Leslie. Motion: To have playground committee form separately from School Council but to report to School Council at the monthly School Council Meetings. Motion: Anna Odd, 2nd: Jennifer White. Carried. First Playground meeting to be announced.

Reports

Chair Report (Barb Lind)

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Boucher)

- Current bank account balance is \$1021.60.
- Missing July bank statement.
- Audit is needed this year of 2011/2012 School Council financial books as part of our Charter Review. Motion: To have a third party audit done on School Council 2011/2012 financial books by November 30, 2012. Motion: Anna Odd, 2nd: Monica Modrall. Carried.

Secretary's Report (Amie Nemezc)

- Will start to send a copy of the passed minutes to Paul Gibson to be included on the website.
- Will do a monthly update for school newsletter. Included will be contact info for Parent Council (school phone number).

Principal's Report (Steve Mumert)

- Junior High options going well.
- Student Council elections this Friday. Speeches will be delivered at the Tues assembly. Could be possible to have Student Council members attend School Council meetings.

- Terry Fox Run: Good turn out this year. New route was a good place to run. No fund raising totals yet.
- Team X: going to book corn maze for week from Friday. Cost is \$5 per head (expecting 60-70 students) + \$250 per bus. Motion: For School Council to pay up to \$500.00 to pay for Team X corn maze trip. Motion: Teresa Boucher, 2nd: Jennifer White. Carried.
- AGM last year had a Fall Harvest potluck. Was very successful. Could be something School Council should consider doing again?
- Head lice in school. Notice will be sent out in next school newsletter.

Foundation Board Report (Brenda-Lee Kjemhus)

- New Superintendent (had attended AGM in Sept).
- New Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Applebee
- Charter renewal year. Had a 5 year charter and this is our renewal year. The renewal year is a big deal and the Board will be working hard to prepare for the review.

New Business

- School Council fund raising: School Council is unable to hold funds but would like to fund raise for various in school projects such as Team X and the playground. Foundation Board will be consulted to see what is allowed. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Other:

- Question from a member regarding how School Council works:
 - School Council serves as an advisory board to the Foundation Board and to the school.
 - It is a place where all parents can bring their concerns and/or ideas to be discussed and potentially taken on to the Foundation Board.
- Concern about cost of Terry Fox fund raising: felt like there was a lot required as far as students bringing money to school for what seemed like many fund raising activities. Principal's response: It just worked out that way this year. Last year more time had been taken to prepare for the fund raising.
- Concern about why volleyball was not open to grade 5 this year? Volleyball is actually a Junior High program and is only open to younger students if there is not enough JH students for the team. School will consider doing a grade 5/6 co-ed team that could practice together at the school.
- Parent concern about behaviour problems arising on the bus and at school. Tabled to next meeting.
- Hot Lunch: Need volunteers to make this program run.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 (Anna Odd)

Next Meeting: November 5, 2012 at 7:00pm