

**E. L. Crossley School Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
January 11, 2011**

Attendance:

Ed Goerzen, Susan Hawkins , Andrea McCollum, Jane Houlden, Stephanie Menincanin Terri Steingart, , Melissa Wright, Rick Tarajos, Corinne Grant, Karen Gemmel, Shari Pearson, Catharine Wark, Emily McCollum, Chad Reece

Regrets: Therese Czychun, Bhavna Sehgal, Marie Saint-Ivany,

Absent: Michael Hrycusko

Call to Order/Welcome:

Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved - accepted

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes accepted

5. Business Arising from November Minutes:

Graduation breakfast- Graduating students to discuss fundraising, donations or self pay.

Special Education Funding- Letter sent to Minister of Education and local MPP re underfunding.

6. Presentation

Susan Santesso spoke on the need for Host Parents for the upcoming OFSAA Volleyball Championship held at E. L. Crossley March 7, 8 and 9. Each of the twenty teams requires a parent connection to help familiarize them with; the area, provide nutritious snacks and to launder uniforms.

7. Principal's Report:

(a) Christmas Break- Mixed feedback re holiday dates.

(b) Grade 8 Open House- To be held January 18 with similar format to last year's open house- Andrea McCollum to speak on behalf of the School Council. The Children's Theatre was well received by feeder schools.

(c) Examinations- To begin on January 21 with the review date scheduled for January 28. Information will be posted on the school's website. Council members suggested more details about the exam schedule be made available to students and parents, especially those writing exams for the first time.

Report cards will be issued on February 10- with the next newsletter. Intention Sheets for next year's courses will be distributed in February. The EQAO grade 9 math assessment will occur on January 14.

(e) Punctuality- There will be a renewed emphasis on students arriving to class on time. Habitual abusers will be subject to progressive discipline.

(f) Renovations- To begin on gymnasium (upper level) during the exam schedule. Some classroom drapes were replaced through fundraising efforts at the school.

8. Student Council Report

Chad Reese reported on athletics. The short term focus of the Athletic council is the OFSAA Volleyball Championship. The Council will be looking to the community for sponsorships. Students in the elementary schools will be contacted for volunteers (ball retrievers) during the event. A buy-out for Crossley students is being considered. The schedule for game times will be posted on the Crossley website.

Emily McCollum reported: Coffee House-fundraiser to sponsor an orphanage in Haiti by showcasing Crossley talent had a good turnout. - Semi formal December 17 was very successful. The proceeds from the upcoming spirit week will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The February dance will not be promoted as a Valentine's Day dance in the hopes that a different theme will garner a larger attendance.

9. Correspondence-

The Parents in Education survey was discussed and Jane will complete the survey on-line. Pamphlets for the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence were distributed to Council members

10. New Business

(a) Committee Reports-. The fundraising committee proposed a dance/silent auction be held at E.L. Crossley School in late May. The feasibility of the event will be investigated and discussed at the next

meeting. The Parent Outreach Committee proposed an information night on scholarship opportunities to be held March 1. This information session will be held the first hour of the scheduled Council Meeting. All parents are invited to attend. The Council Meeting will resume following the presentation. Mr. Goerzen will arrange for the Guidance Department to speak on the topic. Notification of the presentation will be included in the next Newsletter.

(b) School Council Education: In order for the School Council to provide informed advice to the Principal on the School Improvement Plan there will speakers from the different departments at E.L. Crossley invited to attend a Council Meeting. Mr. Petryschuk will present on the School Website during the February meeting.

11. Question Period:

No questions

12. Agendas Items Next Meeting:

School Website

13. Next Meeting Date –

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

14. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm