

**E. L. Crossley School Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
October 12, 2010**

Attendance:

Ed Goerzen, Susan Hawkins, Andrea McCollum, Jane Houlden, Terri Steingart, Melissa Wright, Rick Tarajas, Corinne Grant, Karen Gemmel, Bhavna Sehgal, Shari Pearson, Emily McCollum, Kristine Canniff, Tracy Borisenko, Michael Hrycusko, Marie Saint-Ivany, Catharine Wark, Chad Reese
Regrets: Natalie McIntosh, Stephanie Menincanin, Therese Czychun
Absent: Ralph ten Brinkle, Ktistine ten Brinkle

Call to Order/Welcome:

Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add "Parent Night/Interviews" to agenda
Moved - accepted

5. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes accepted -Mary, 2nd Karen

6. Business Arising from June Minutes:

- (a) Parents Reaching Out Grant –Approved for \$1000
- (b) Parent Involvement Committee- Andrea to attend DSBN workshop and report to SAC
- (c) Sherry Frost submitted letter of resignation – rotating secretary for each meeting
- (d) Alumni Association –postpone until Crossley's 50th anniversary

7. Principal's Report:

- (a) Ed Goerzen presented four handouts for discussion
 - (1) School Profile comparison statistics, 2009/2010 – 2010/2011
Enrollment has decreased from 832 students to 819 students (54 students are year 5)
Current year- 81% academic program, 19% applied
2009/2010, 81 suspensions, 0 expulsions
 - (2) Results 2009-2010- Credit Accumulation, OSSLT, EQAO Grade 9 Math
93% Grade 9 students achieved 8 credits at Crossley, versus 80% Board
77% Grade 10 students achieved 16 credits at Crossley, versus 67% Board
90% (academic and applied) success rate for OSSLT versus 76% Board, 78% province
85% (academic), 49 % (applied) success rate for EQAO Grade 9 Math
EQAO Grade 9 math – different test for academic and applied – not so for OSSLT
 - (3) Annual Learning Plan (Sample Form) - Teacher professional growth goals, teachers evaluated using the ALP as part of the performance appraisal process.
 - (4) Planning Template for Department Differentiated Instruction Action/Survey
E.L. Crossley teaching staff to focus on differentiated instruction, assessment and evaluation
- (b) OSSLT- Practice test results Students – Some students at risk. Not as strong a group as last year

- Work to be approved for gymnasium mezzanine – cost of \$20,000 – \$ 30,000
- Heavy emphasis on quantitative assessments (EQAO, OSSLT) for the School Improvement Plan.
- Qualitative factors to be considered- i.e. great teaching staff at E. L. Crossley, school spirit, student's emotional support for their alma mater- Concentrate on building school spirit.
- Suggestion of teaching staff taking turns on School Council – speak about curriculum
- Professional Development Day-teachers shared goals and tools for learning, i.e. Smartboards
- Work order submitted to install white board above doors to cafeteria- for daily announcements

- Doors to Halloween Dance close at 8:00 pm

8. Student Council Report

Chad Reese reported on athletics and the need to fundraise for new equipment/jerseys
Emily McCollum reported on Grade 9 retreat, Terry Fox Run, magazine fundraiser, first dance,
Halloween Spirit Week, Coffee House-fundraiser to sponsor an orphanage in Haiti by showcasing
Crossley talent, tentative date November 10

9. New Business

(a) School Councils Goals- Andrea McCollum led the discussion on why parents join the Council and goal setting for the current year. The responses are as follows; be informed, civic responsibility, opportunity to ask questions, fundraising and to work with partners to achieve goals. The goals suggested for this year include; supporting student council to enhance school spirit/positive environment, outreach to community partners, fundraising, increase communication to parents and revise grade 9 handbooks to include approximate costs and times for extracurricular activities/clubs.

(b) School Council Website –Michael Hrycusko volunteered to review information and revise if necessary - approved minutes from September 14 meeting to be posted

(c) Parent Outreach-Parent Involvement Survey to be completed by parents during parent/teacher interview night. Results of survey will drive some of the School Council goals.

(d) Financial Report - Jane reported that the negative balance was \$2324.41 as of October 4, 2010. There are 156 boxes of unsold gift cards at Crossley, 13 at Sobeys and a few at TD and Meridian Credit Union. If all cards are sold there would still be a negative balance of approximately \$300. The current priority is to sell all cards and fundraise for additional needs.

(e) Parent Night Interviews- The teachers will be in the gymnasium and cafeteria seated in alphabetical order. Ambassadors will be able to assist parents with the new routine. Interviews are from 6:00 to 8:30 on a first come first serve basis. Teachers are encouraged to keep individual interviews to less than five minutes. School Council members Melissa, Rick and Shari will sell refreshments during the evening.

10. Question Period:

The lunch time tutoring program was discussed. Program is up and running.

11. Agendas Items Next Meeting:

School Council goals, grad breakfast, fundraising, website, survey results, Parent Involvement Committee -conference highlights

12. Next Meeting Date –

Tuesday, November 9 2010

13. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm