

**E. L. Crossley School Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
April 12, 2011**

Attendance:

Andrea McCollum, Ed Goerzen, Jane Houlden, Emily McCollum, Terri Steingart, Therese Czychun, Karen Gemmel, Shari Pearson, Bhavna Sehgal, Catherine Wark, Chad Reece

Regrets: Susan Hawkins, Corinne Grant, Stephanie Menincanin, Rick Tarajos, Tracey Borisenko, Michael Hrycusko, Marie Saint-Ivany

Call to Order/Welcome:

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

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved-Therese Czychun, Seconded- Karen Gemmel, Agenda approved

4. Approval of Minutes:

Moved-Karen Gemmel, Seconded-Terry Steingart, Minutes approved

5. Presentation

Environmental Advocates Ready to Help (E.A.R.T.H.) - Speakers- Sharon Keller and Ken Cairns

- Works to bring environmental awareness and a green attitude to the school and community.
- Two key areas in front of the school have been replanted with grants to plant native trees.
- E. L. Crossley received Eco School status in 2009- winning silver. Gold in 2010.
- Water filling stations (3) were installed to reduce the number of plastic water bottles deposited in the recycle bins.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of April 12, 2011:

- Special Education Funding Petition- The DSBN currently receives \$355.46 per student in Special Education funding. The co-terminus Board receives \$487.42 per student. The provincial average is \$508.69 per student. Special Education for the District School Board of Niagara has been historically underfunded. School Councils across the DSBN have started a petition to be presented to the Minister of Education. Ed Goerzen will speak with the area Superintendent of Schools to determine the method of distribution for the petition at E.L. Crossley, and will report back to the Chairs of the School Council.
- Gift Card Sales- Cards are being sold at various outlets in the community.
- Graduation Breakfast: Andrea McCollum will give a brief address on behalf of the School Council

7. Principal's Report:

- (a) The Newsletter and the Midterm Report Cards will be distributed on April 20, 2011.
- (b) The staffing compliment for the 2011/2012 school year is currently being reviewed. Allotments from the Board are based on sections. Some of the courses with low student enrollment may be cancelled; however there are e-learning and night school options.

8. Student Council Report

- Emily McCollum reported: Coffee House-April 14, proceeds directed towards Prom, Grad for Grad dance- May 11, proceeds directed towards graduation breakfast, video dance May 5, Spring Music Concert May 12- Big Event –May 25 at Queenston Heights, graduation breakfast, 240 graduates to attend, 30 hour famine-May28-29, Fashion Show- June 2
- Chad Reese reported: OFFSA Volleyball was a great success. The marching band played for 5 opening ceremonies. The proceeds from the event were over \$5000. The Crossley team competed in the consolation finals. Badminton, rowing, track, soccer and baseball are running concurrently. The boy's hockey team placed second at SOFTSA and the girl's hockey team competed at OFFSA.

9. Correspondence-

People for Education Newsletter

10. New Business

- Guideline for School Fees. There should be no fees charged for day school programs .i.e. a textbook fee or deposit, a registration fee for students enrolled in any regular day school program (*Fees For Learning Materials and Activities Guideline, Ministry of Education –March 2011*)
- DSBN Homework Help Network- Free online math help for all grade 7-10 math students. Student must register with the program through their math teacher.
- Fundraising Guideline- Draft for discussion purposes, how to effectively plan and administer fundraising activities.
- Fundraising Committee- Grocery gift cards and a euchre night were proposed. Discussion arose around fundraising and the impact on the School Council – to be continued at May meeting.

11. Questions

12. Agendas Items Next Meeting:

Nutrition Guideline

13. Next Meeting Date –

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

14. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm