

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

1. Call to Order/Welcome:

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

2. Attendance:

Ed Goerzen, Susan Hawkins, Andrea McCollum , Jane Houlden, Terri Steingart, Bhavna Sehgal, Debbie Pine, Therese Czychun, Corrine Grant, Charlotte Butko, Laura Gemmel, Cullum Brownbridge, JoAnne Caldwell, Michelle Butler, Cathy Froese, Amie Rogers, Janet Snelgrove **Regrets:** Karen Gemmel, Stephanie Menincanin, Michael Hrycusko, Marie Saint-Ivany, Karen McCafferty **Guests:** David Csikos, Ty Riddick, Steve MacNaughton

3. Guest Presentation- David Csikos, Technology Department Head

Mr. Csikos conducted a tour for Council members of the Technology Department at E. L. Crossley Secondary School. This included a tour of Com-tech, the electricity classroom, Auto Mechanics, the machine shop and the horticulture greenhouse. An upgraded alignment machine was procured for the auto shop. Students are encouraged to bring in their own/family cars for repair. There may be an extra student fee for products used that exceed those budgeted to meet the curriculum. A decision needs to be made about the cost effectiveness of keeping the greenhouse. The wooden frame is in need of replacing which could cost in the neighbourhood of \$100 000. This decision is made by the District School Board of Niagara.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Moved-Bhavna Sehgal, Seconded-Andrea McCollum, Agenda approved

5. Approval of Minutes:

Moved-Terri Steingart, Seconded-Debbie Pine, Minutes approved

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 13, 2011:

The Student Council presented a report on the associated costs of various sports activities. Rowing is supported by a \$500 fund to repair erg equipment. For all other teams, school funds are allocated to defray the costs of two tournaments per team. Students are required to pay for any additional fees. Currently a basketball tournament costs \$350, volleyball \$180 and hockey \$800. The costs for officials, (referees) and transportation have increased. Onus for fundraising needs to be shifted from Team Coaches to parents. Car-pooling among students who have received their license is not encouraged. There has been upgrading to the cardio room. A question arose on how the student activity fee is spent- Ed Goerzen will provide a report at the next Council meeting. A comment was made on providing an estimate of student fees associated with each club/team on the parental consent form. There needs to be more personal contact/communication with the grade nine students on student activities, clubs and teams. The Student Council will address this issue. There is also a lack of face to face contact with the Guidance Department for students in their junior years of high school.

7. Principal's Report

The late bus leaving from E. L. Crossley will depart at 4:45pm until further notice. The late bus is not heavily used by the student population at Crossley. Two reasons could be the departure time and the drop off points.

The Early Progress Reports are not as in-depth as the Mid-Term Reports. The Parent/Teacher Interview night will be done in a similar format to the one done in early spring. Each teacher will have a student secretary to manage parent line-ups. The Math, English and Science teachers tend to have the heaviest turn-outs. The interviews have a time limit of five minutes. Parents who wish to have a longer interview are encouraged to make an appointment with the teacher at their earliest convenience.

The upcoming Professional Development Day will feature a child psychologist speaking on the adolescent brain.

November 2, 2011 is Take Your Child to Work Day.

8. Student Council Report

The magazine drive: the Council's biggest fundraiser raised approximately \$1000 dollars for the Student Council budget. This is significantly lower than previous years. Other fundraising initiatives need to be investigated. The Rankin Run generated \$9000. There will be a Halloween Spirit week with a dance scheduled for October 27. The cost of the dance is \$8.00. The Coffee House is scheduled for November 17 with door sales (\$3.00 per ticket) to be used towards a charity. The food sales from the event help to support the Grade 12 Prom. The Coffee House showcases Crossley's Student Talent, (musicians, poetry reading, bands etc). The date and venue of this year's semi-formal has yet to be determined.

9. Correspondence-None

10. New Business

- (a) Review 2011-2012 School Council Goals- Presentation on Time Management being considered. Jane Houlden will forward to council members the parent survey completed last year.
- (b) The Parents Reaching Out Grant – forwarded to next meeting
- (c) DSBN Policy Review- forwarded to next meeting
- (d) School Dance- Discussion arose re inappropriate spacing between dance partners and the partaking of alcohol spirits by some teenage students prior to being admitted to the dance. What is the standard of acceptable behavior at a high school dance?

11. Question Period

12. Agenda Items Next Meeting

Pierre Blanchard will be invited to speak on athletic fees.

13. Meeting Date –next meeting date is November 8, 2011

14. Adjournment- Moved Bhavna Sehgal , Seconded Debbie Pine- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.