

## Legacy P.S. School Council

Minutes from September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting

Location: Legacy P.S. Library

**Attendees:** Lori Nickerson, Nanda Bharat, Joginder Kaur, Sanjay Bhatia, Mike Michalos, Tracie Graham, Anne Mullen, Dayo Babalola, Laura Ryckman, Al Mainprize, Sylvia Vocino, Adela Pinnock, Saqib Qureshi and Tricia Mohammed.

**Regrets** – Teddy Kardaras, Nandita Bhatia

**Minutes:** Adela Pinnock

**1. Welcome and Introduction** – Lori and Saqib introduced themselves and will continue to act as Co-Chairs for the upcoming school year.

**2. Role of School Council-** Laura mentioned a School Council Forum that will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Bur Oak School. She will provide us with more information to determine whether we would like to attend.

### **3. Elections**

Co-Chairs- Lori Nickerson and Saqib Qureshi

Treasurer- to be determined

Co-Secretaries- Adela Pinnock and Teddy Kardaras

Voting Members- Tricia Ali-Mohammed, Dayo Babalola, Nandita Bhatia, Mike Michalos

### **4. Principal/Vice Principal's Report**

**Observations-** Laura commented on the school being a very welcoming and warm environment, we have been open for 7 years and the school is still very clean and well kept. Our caretakers, student and staff take pride in their school.

**Lice-** We started off the school year with several cases of lice, we are hoping that it is now under control. If we have any more cases going forward, we may want to consider having an outside company come in to screen all students.

**Paid lunch programs-** we will have paid lunches every Wednesday alternating every week between a Pizza lunch and a Sub lunch. More details to follow.

Traffic- it is no secret that traffic is a big problem in front of the school during morning drop off hours. The school is considering opening up the Kiss n Ride and would have one teacher and need two or three volunteers to help. This would mean that teachers and volunteers would open car doors for the children, parents would not get out of their vehicles and traffic would continuously run smoothly. Parents would be required to sign a contract that they would abide by the rules of the program and hopefully this could work on an ongoing basis.

**5. Teacher's Report-** Mr. Babalola spoke about Extra Curricular activities and that they are set to resume, however, it is ultimately up to each individual teacher. Mrs. Vocino mentioned that several Extra Curricular activities are already in place such as, Eco Club, Cross Country, Field trips, boys volleyball, library helpers, etc.

**6. Legacy Wear-** we will once again offer Legacy Wear this year, Lori would like to have a table with samples and order forms at Curriculum night on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will add a Zip up sweatshirt and baseball hats as well this year.

**7. Other business-** Lori and Saqib brought up two initiatives for this year, one being the teaching of study skills, organizational skills, note taking, etc. for all students in grade 6, 7 & 8. This is for the purpose of preparing them for the demands of high school. Also, the subject of Bullying, while not a huge problem in our school, it is a problem that needs to be addressed. Laura mentioned that we can look at Tutors in the Class to come in and do a one term stint with the students that could benefit from this rather than for every student. Also, we can look at having an anti-bullying assembly and/or a speaker come in to talk about bullying.

Results of EQAO as related to Legacy to be discussed at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING- Monday, Nov.5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**