



# MINUTES

## Clearmeadow School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 1, 2008

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### **In Attendance:**

Lynda Hill-Oren, Jane Macpherson, Robynne Hutton, Sophia Mullin, Heather Moffatt, Monica Brown, Susan Shaw, Michelle Rich, Marnie Clark, Terri Leach, Ron Clarke, Shelley Langer, Sharen Pismarov, Carole Ann MacDonald, K. Duncan, Kassandra Mier y Teran, Ainsley Davison

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### **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Heather at 6:40 p.m. As there were a few guests, she asked that everyone introduce themselves, council included. We were expecting Peggy Ingram, Chair of Sir William Mulock Secondary School to join us but unfortunately she wasn't in attendance.

### **Administrative Update**

- Lynda briefed everyone about the latest news. It's been a busy month. There is the upcoming holiday concert, an awards and sharing assembly, and door decorating of the classrooms (fairy tale theme).
- There was a power outage which led to checking the batteries of the back-up lights. They are supposed to last 2 hours but they were fading before then.
- The book swap/sale is being held on Jan. 28/09. Last year was very successful and we're hoping the same for this one.
- The tree of kindness has been set up in the office. 8 bulbs a day are given to kids who have been nominated and they can take them home at the end of the school day before the Xmas break.
- Mrs. Sellers is organizing a group of kids to go carolling around the school.
- Parents have been calling to see if there are any families they can support for Christmas or electives.
- Mrs. McQuarrie's class is participating in the Learn, Care, Give project whose purpose is to perform charitable deeds.
- It has been suggested that we have another June parking lot/garage sale again with the idea that people purchasing items can decide which charity they'd like to give their donations to.
- The Honour Roll has been completed with the highest number of kids ever being on the list (41 students in grades 7/8). There are also 168 Learning Skills Leaders in grades 1-8.
- There have been issues regarding yard behaviour lately due to the snow. Both Lynda and Jane are handling things fairly and all seems to be going well.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The November 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved by Terri Leach and seconded by Ron Clarke.

### **Chair's Update**

Terri and Heather attended a volunteer seminar where they received information from the Board about the G.I.V.E. program. They are hoping to get an electronic copy of the information they received at the meeting to send to all the Clearmeadow volunteers. Heather read a letter from Mrs. Kell thanking the council for all their support of the teachers. The bass guitar has been purchased by Mr. Vandikas. The signage at the school (holiday wishes in different languages) is wonderful to see and there are many examples on display thanks to the ELL and intermediate students. Regarding the spirit wear, Susan will be picking up the samples. The t-shirt samples are ready and if there are any other clothing pieces wanted, please let her know. Lynda is planning on having a fashion show to introduce the spirit wear to the students. A question was asked: would the clothing be ready for Christmas? The t-shirts could probably be ready but it's uncertain about the other pieces. Susan could bring the samples of everything for the concert on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and have it on display. Volunteers will be needed to be at the table. Order forms will be sent out shortly.

### **Treasurer's Update**

The financial and reconciliation reports were passed around to the council members. A lot of money has gone to the school lately, all for good causes. We still have money in the bank and we are still making money from the lunches. We also have to send money for the magazine drive but we should get \$10,000 back from the sales.

### **New Business**

The Chapters Night is on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sharen and Michelle are looking for volunteers from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Anyone interested should contact them.

Heather thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Happy Holidays to all!

*Thank you for coming!*