

Minutes from September 18, 2013 School Council Meeting

Elections, for 2013 / 2014

Shauna Wagner: Committee Chair

Kim Covell- Hammel: Secretary

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

- No minutes to approve from June 2013, quorum was not met, Mary Ann Mullen, Mary Jean Plath and Jodi Julius were in attendance.
- Communication to Parents by Mrs. Mullen started in June/2013. Families will be receiving a voice message and/or email on Sunday from the principal (emails will only be sent to parents who placed an email address on verification form).

2. Principal report

- 400 students registered at Rockwood; Vice Principal has been hired, Cindy Simpson
- Created a new Kindergarten/ JK and SK class due to numbers
- Last year school council applied for internet safety, cyber bullying, etc. \$ 1000 was approved. Ministry of Ed will require a follow up on how the money was used.
- Planting at Rockwood from Mrs Plummer class, in June 2013. In September the class was able to see the outcome of their hard work. They made stone soup, with all of the produce. Children were very pleased to see how well the garden did. Partnership in learning with Fellowes; the grade 10 and 11 prepared the lessons on planting.
- Magazine orders going out this Friday September 20 due back after Thanksgiving weekend.

Principal report continued:

- EQAO Visual presentation provided by Mrs. Mullen: Grade 3 results in reading 68 at level 3 and 4, Grade 6 results 80 level 3 and 4, writing 80 3 and 4, math 70 3 and 4 level shows an increase in percentages from the original grade 3 that are now in Grade 6. Parents can go online to read more about the EQAO results.
- Rockwood is promoting a few leadership opportunities for the grade 8's. If a certain amount of money is raised for the Terry Fox run a student can throw a pie in a teacher and/or Mrs. Mullen's face, the facts are being shared each morning on the announcements with grade 8 students.
- Meet the teacher Thursday September 19th 6:30 to 7:30pm.
- Constable Beth Ethier coming in to provide bus safety for Kindergartens and younger grades.
- There are changes in school bus routes which may mean different pick up and drop off times. Parents were informed about bus changes by letter.
- Update on Smart Boards - the school has purchased several smart boards over the past years, this year the board purchased 6 and Mrs. Mullen provided 1, which means each classroom will now have a smart board.
- Our wonderful volunteer of several years can no longer provide pizza days ; Rockwood needs a new parent volunteer to continue pizza days.

3. Fun Night 2013 committee chair: Jodi Julius

- Record breaking, 2013 fundraised \$10 000.00. The chair and committee members present suggested the increase may have resulted from eating earlier and having the games start 30 minutes earlier. The fundraised money always goes back to the school: recreational balls, swim program for grade 5, looking at a new speaker system in the gym (Mike Montaigne), etc. The chair reviewed the auction held on fun night and how to move forward with the process. Committee members have booked next meeting for January 2014.

4. Staff report

- 54 runners for cross country running at Hugli's on October 10 (grades 5 and up)
- Fun raising committee is looking for suggestions; Christmas shop was suggested and will be researched by parent volunteer. A few parents in attendance suggested cheese sales. Etc.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

6. Next meeting on November 20th, 2013 at 6:30pm