

# SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Present:** Teacher-Pat Bell, Parent-Lisa Jarvis, and Principal-Sue Ellen Hogan

Meeting began at 5:30.

Sue Ellen Hogan reviewed the agenda and welcomed members. She also went over the responsibilities of the School Council.

The group discussed recruiting new members. We need another teacher and parent as well as a community representative. Parents will be invited to join through the monthly parent newsletter. Lisa Jarvis will also speak to parents. Pat Bell and Sue Ellen Hogan will speak to the staff. We will ask Carol Hutkoski ideas on recruiting new members. We will mention that we meet once a month for 1.5 hours right before P.T.O. meetings. We will also mention that we value the ideas and input of parents, community and staff. During the Open House, Sue Ellen will invite parents to join the Council.

The School Council set a calendar of meetings. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. These meeting will precede the P.T.O. which will meet at 7 p.m. on the same dates. The scheduled meetings were posted and communicated to the Superintendent. The School Council will meet on the following dates:

- October 1, 2008
- November 5, 2008
- December 3, 2008
- January 7, 2009
- February 4, 2009
- March 4, 2009
- April 1, 2009
- May 6, 2009
- June 3, 2009

New staff at Whately School was introduced. They include: Terri Anderson, Special Education; Paula King, Library/Media; and Vicki Sittig, Kindergarten.

#### Health and Wellness Initiative: 2007-2008

The Council discussed continuing this initiative during 2008-2009. The Walking Club will start again. Pat Bell will present ideas to the staff for their input at our meeting on September 19, 2008. She will also speak to Mike Rejniak about this club and about students logging in during Physical Education classes.

Pat Bell introduced the idea of supporting Pete Westover in the New York City Marathon for Leukemia Research. Mr. Westover will be raising funds in memory of his father and to support a girl in Florida who is a Cancer patient. Students could walk during October and raise pledges to donate to Mr. Westover for Leukemia research. Small amounts of money could be gathered from families and friends. As Pat Bell said we could raise our students' social awareness and cultivate a charitable attitude among them.

We will also speak to Nurse Juli Mason about holding a health fair again this year.

Co-Chair: The Council will elect a parent Co-Chair at our meeting on October 1, 2008.

Fence Committee: Sue Ellen Hogan will ask the P.T.O. about this committee and funds raised already. The Playground Committee included Carol Hutkoski and Christine Belder. We talked about buying materials and inviting volunteers to install this fencing.

#### Agenda for October 1, 2008:

- Review and approve minutes of September 17, 2008
- Elect a parent Co-Chair
- Plan an assembly to introduce "Walk for Leukemia"
- Fence Committee: Explore and discuss
- Health and Wellness Initiative: Update and planning
- Recruitment of new members: report
- Plan agenda for meeting on November 5, 2008

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

