

Hopewell Avenue Public School Council
Agenda
Tuesday, February 14th, 2011
Hopewell Library
7:00 pm

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes From Past Meetings

a) Motion to approve January minutes, November minutes and agenda made by Judy, seconded by Scott. Motion passed

3. Chair's Report– Jen, Lisa
Nothing new to report

4. Principal and Teacher's Report Richard
Handout provided to be emailed and attached to minutes, see below:
Hopewell Ave. PS – Parent Council -- Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Principal/Vice-Principal Report:

1. Thank you for coming on this evening of Hearts, Chocolate, and, of course, more Chocolate.
2. Student Transfer Parent Guide: A Student Transfer Parent Guide has been developed in response to direction from trustees to senior staff at the Board meeting of 24 January 2012 and is posted on the OCDSB website: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/par/st/Pages/default.aspx>. This week, schools will receive five hard copies of the Student Transfer Parent Guide we will make copies available to parents. Some important dates include the **Student Transfer Application Period** - Monday February 13 to Friday February 24 and the **Middle French Immersion Registration Period** - Tuesday, February 21 to Monday February 27.
3. During the last week of March/first week of April, Grade 7 and 8 students will be involved in the Director's Cut (<http://thedirectorscut.ca>) again this year. Director's Cut is an in-class mentoring program for students in the digital film and media making process. They provide opportunities to engage students to become confident consumers of media while developing media literacy skills. This program blends the professional skills of film, media, teaching, and learning. The company provides MAC books, digital cameras, clay for the claymations, and final DVDs for the class project.
4. YOUCAN (<http://youcan.ca/content/youcan-peacebuilder-program>) : Peer Helping for grade 7s -- that teaches participants how to deal with others who bring the conflict they face to us and how to help those individuals ensure their resolution to those

conflicts end in peaceful resolutions. Cross-cultural conflict for the grade 8s: teaches participants how to deal with the cultural elements that conflicts sometimes bring while also trying to understand and celebrate personal identity.

5. Chromebook pilot research project with Mr. Hiltz's grade 7 class (<http://youtube/dsdxvyyPnfl>): We are hoping to demonstrate the value of Chromebook as a cross-curricular learning tool for student achievement. A Chromebook is a small personal computer running only Google Chrome OS. They will go with the students to each class during the day as part of their learning tools.
6. Library – Margaret Ruppel's thank you letter.
7. Grade 7 Quebec City update – as of yesterday, 121 of 142 students have parental permission to attend. Plans in place for next year will include but are not limited to earlier and more transparent parent-student communication; cost/budget concerns; fundraising options; and, alternate program options.
8. In order to meet the needs of a wireless environment, A Technology In Our School's Committee that would have parent, teacher, administration, and student participation and voice is being formed by Nicole Turpin and she would like any interested volunteers to contact her directly.
9. An Extra-curricular update: Ms. Angela Martin and Ms. Samia Blaibel have junior student involved in Volleyball; Ms. Lucie Olivier-Cyr and Mr. Dave Chartrand have intermediate students involved in Basketball; Mr. Blair Smith has several bands preparing for Music Fest on Feb. 24th; Ms. Brenda Quinn has students preparing for Math and Science Olympics; Ms. Heather Cotton recently had teams compete at the NXT Robotics challenge earlier this month; Ms. Martha Coates-Eveleigh will be going to Montreal with a group of students to this year's MeToWe Day celebrations; and, Primary Choir with Ms. Merri Legris begins this coming Tuesday. Sorry if I forgot anyone☺

There was follow up questions regarding the new student transfer policy and applicable dates. As well, questions were raised regarding siblings, and, the need to reapply if already at the school, but in a program that will also have a newly created stream at another school. The Admin team will look into this more and report back in March.

5. Financial Update – Sylvie and Kerri

a) Motion to approve additional funds towards turf yard of \$4000 to be paid in Feb – Motion moved by Michelle, seconded by Neal. Motion passed.

6. Fund Raising Committee Update – Lisa

Ideas that were discussed at the fund raising cmte meeting include consolidating events into a spring and fall main event comprised of numerous initiatives, a book sale, selling rain barrels, plant sale.

Scott suggested a drive for voluntary contribution of funds which could be tax deductible
The need for volunteers and event champions was raised

7. Space Camp Update – Katherine Owens

No update presented

8. Beach Party

Lori Mockson is willing to champion event. Richard has the school booked for Thursday, March 1st. It will be an event to bring the school community together. Possible activities could include: DJ, food, fishing pond, bouncy castle, games, face painting, etc..

9. External Environment Committee Update – Mike

No update presented

10. Safe and Caring Schools Update – Heather

It was decided not to proceed with the speech and drama school. There is a new initiative for a YOUCAN grade 4-6 Feb 29th

11. New Business

a) Primary yard safety was discussed regarding ice and sanding and salting.

Richard informed Council that the Ministry of Labour advises all teachers to use “bear claws” at all times on their boots during the entire winter. The School is required to provide the “bear claws”. Richard will look into having more grit spread on primary yard. He noted that in the past parents found that the grit shredded snow pants.

b) Michelle has decided to retire from parent council after many years of invaluable service to the school, most notably in her role as treasurer. Parent Council thanked her for her dependability, dedication and school spirit. Council was thankful to hear that she would continue on in various volunteer roles, as needed, until the end of the school year.

12. Adjournment

Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Judy.