



Record of Decision 2012-09-13

1) Welcome

- a) In Attendance: Elizabeth Fetterley, Donata Leuenberger, Hana Bland, Kevin Gilmore, Rachele Sintic, Malia Robin, Julia Banks, Debbie Aufleger, Jacquie Fildes, Louisa Fyfe, Miriam Halevy, Connie Jesso, Denise McLean, Janet Patch, Nicky Romain, Denise Smeaton, Jeff Clemenhausen, Susan Woodhouse, Sharon Lalonde, Gerry Lalonde, Arlene Rodrigue, Douglas Smith, Nancy Lebrun, Corrie Hamilton
- b) Regrets: Bill Arden
- c) Welcome Rachele Sintic new VP
 - i) 15 years of teaching with Spec Ed background, came from Lisgar Collegiate

2) Approval of the Record of Decision for 2012-05-03 Meeting - *approved*

3) Reports

- a) Voices (Student) Report - no report first meeting of the year
- b) Teacher's Report - Malia Robin
 - i) 2012-13 year has gotten off to good start with the Welcome Back BBQ - 2 link crew classes have really helped the grade 9s
 - ii) Terry Fox Run (Sept 28) - assembly next week of for the kids
 - iii) Stu Barbour, soccer coach - soccer exchange with Victoria, BC's Parkland SS was very successful. Read [here](#) for details.
 - iv) Mr. Sambell began his performance class in early Sept and students will be rehearsing a Holiday Play during class time
 - v) We were once again certified Eco-Schools Gold last year - Certification recognises a school for its annual achievement in 6 key areas: Teamwork & Leadership, Energy Conservation, Waste Minimisation, School Ground Greening, Ecological Literacy (curriculum) and Environmental Stewardship.
- c) Principals Report - Kevin Gilmore
 - i) *Thank you to the teachers for coming out on their own time to participate at Council*
 - ii) we are up 25 students to over 800 kids - positive reflection on the school- allows us to open up other pathways
 - iii) downside is we are almost at capacity - we are really tight - for the most part we didn't have issues with classes - great news for Cairine - although grade 12 class is large so being top heavy our numbers are likely to go down next year; have asked for 3 emergency sections and in process of creating more classrooms - also the lecture hall will be used by the senior students - previously used only as a bonus room; final numbers due soon - there will be fewer disruptions at the end of the month as usually occurs because we knew of the extra requirements earlier
 - iv) really positive intro of Link Crew to the school - great for both the Jr and Sr students; the first day was really positive for the students - some of the most enthusiastic teachers came in early to train Link Crew
 - v) Expectations Assembly - talked about services for students and citizenship requirements and challenges set for the kids - we are a true community school and we give them a sense of ownership to model their behaviour. The

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message is, “respect yourself, your family and community”. Rachele Sintic added that they spoke of being respectful of yourself the way you dress respect to your fellow students and teachers - make sure they are aware of the support for them if there is a problem.

vi)Challenges - teachers negotiations did not go well with the government - some extracurricular and voluntary services have been withdrawn - nothing has been cancelled for the year [yet]; at this point extracurricular activities are ‘on hold’ - no season has truly started - Monday is the deadline to enter sports teams; in our school there are other activities that have started - this is clearly difficult for the students as they are the innocent party in this dispute; we are still running a full academic program - many teachers get an immense satisfaction from contributing to extracurricular activities and this is hard on them also. Due to the current legislation, the teachers cannot get an organised labour action because so it has been left up to the individual

d) Report on Labour Negotiations

i)Julia Banks, Teacher & Teacher’s Union Rep

(1)All teachers at Cairine Wilson SS met to decide as a unified body on how to approach the non-mandated, up to the individual teacher, labour action. The teachers at Cairine voted not to offer any extracurricular services. Julia spoke passionately about the union’s position about Bill 115

ii)Question: What are the teachers hoping for??

iii)Julia: To sit down and negotiate with the government in good faith. Currently the union’s strongest bargaining tool is to withhold services to the students in the hopes that the parents will help put pressure on the government. “We do believe that our actions we will make inroads.”

iv)Question: Can parents coach?

v)Kevin: This is a question being addressed at the board level and more information will to be forthcoming

vi)Q: Can parents address their MPPs? A: Yes

vii)Q: Can parents address the teachers federation? A: Yes

viii)Q: Will IEPs be disrupted? A: They will remain intact

ix)Kevin: There is concern that some students may transfer to to the Catholic Board and this is a very real possibility and repercussion of the ‘labour action’

x)8:15 PM - Heated discussion was cut off and deferred until after the meeting

e) New Motion: Council to address both MPPs and the Federation on the Labour Action; Denise McLean to amend her personal letter to reflect Council as a whole - *carried*

f) Financial Report - Donata

i)Total Income: \$0 - Craft Fair estimated at \$3930 with 70+ tables booked to date; Total Expenditures: \$0; Bank Balance: \$1375.64; Outstanding Payments: \$0; Earmarked Funds (including summer carry-over and funds held on behalf of other groups): \$652.12; Unencumbered Funds: \$0

g) OCASC Report

i)Reports available on their web page - Council will add a link to OCASC to our page

4) Old Business

a) Grad Breakfast - *thank you, Susan Woodhouse*

i) all food was donated - no expenditures - well received

b) Summary of Pre-Meeting

i)More visibility among parents - reach out further than just parent council members

ii)Council Facebook page

iii)Updating the Council website

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5) Action Items

a) PRO Grant - *thank you, Denise Smeaton and Corinne Davison*

i)\$1000 grant has been approved - proposal was similar to last year - based on equity and diversity - last year's biggest impact was the YSB Youth panel - we plan to expand on that - need more advertising - to be worked on - upgrade our website

b) Craft Fair - *thank you, Louisa Fyfe*

i)wonderful social gathering as well as our biggest fundraiser - raffle table raffle baskets - great shopping experience

ii)we need a sign distribution champion and someone to champion the advertising (local news) and some student volunteers to run the café

iii)we have 78 tables booked out of 130

iv)Volunteer lists were passed around

c) Meet the Teacher - *Kevin Gilmore*

i)Yes, it will go ahead as scheduled - we will carry on with or without the teachers - teachers are planning to be there

ii)regular responsibilities are maintaining contact with parents so the majority will be there - foods classes were enlisted to do bake in the past and Council also donated baked goods and bought refreshments - *Nicky to champion this*

iii)Janet Patch volunteered to man the Council table - *thank you*

iv)Elizabeth Fetterley will to speak on behalf of Council beforehand - *thank you*

d) Fall funding - request from - Cheryl Daniel for \$100 for a special wood art project - Kevin to solicit feedback from the teachers on funding requirements

6) New Business

a) Council elections will be held at the beginning of next month's council meeting - Kevin to send out a notice of elections

i)Co-chair and Secretary positions are available!!!

ii)Mitch is outgoing Chair; Elizabeth is now Chair

iii)Elizabeth's current Co-Chair position is available

iv)Hana will be Championing the neglected WebSite design and future Facebook page, so the Secretary position is also available

v)also need an OCASC rep

vi)The voting members will also be determined, these should be in attendance at all meetings

b) October speaker - John Shea is in the works....

7) Adjournment - 8:49 PM

Thanks to all Council Members for your time and effort!