



Record of Decision 2012-12-06

1) Welcome

- a) In Attendance: Malia Robin, Hana Bland, Susan Woodhouse, Connie Jesso, Corrie Hamilton, Debbie Aufleger, Denise McLean, Jeff Clemenhagen, Miriam Halevy, Jacquie Fildes, Cathy Bryson, Allison Lamothe, Janet Patch, Nancy LeBrun, Kevin Gilmore, Donata Leuenberger, Elizabeth Fetterley, Joyce Blier

2) Approval of the Record of Decision for 2012-11-01 Meeting - *approved*

3) Reports

a) Voices (Student) Report

- i) There was no student rep. present

b) Teacher's Report - Malia Robin

- i) "Happy December" fund raising initiatives; Gifts can be purchased in support of: Plan Canada, World Vision, Free the Children, Cornerstone Housing for Women
- ii) Tech teacher's request financing to purchase 10 frames to be used by the Graphic Arts and Tech classes to display work outside the computer lab. These quick release frames are reusable allowing art work to be changed easily. They will be permanently mounted on the wall, but will not have any glass. Cost, including taxes and shipping will be \$250.00. See Financial Report
- iii) Ms. Marlene McRae has brought forward a funding proposal for a Library Rejuvenation Project as stated in the following notice: "This year as teacher-librarian, I would like to rejuvenate the following areas: French collection (new release, high interest texts as well as updated materials for the Ancient Civilisations course) and the Social Science section (up-to-date materials for Anthropology, Sociology, and Psychology, Individuals and Families, and Law courses). I would also like to create a Young Adult fiction section and graphic novel section. In order to make these projects attainable, I would like to request \$2,000 in funding from Parent Council. Resource rich school libraries play key roles in promoting both information literacy and reading for information and inspiration. When school libraries are rich in resources they become sophisticated 21st - century learning environments that offer equal opportunities for achievement to all students, regardless of the socio-economic or education levels of the community." See Financial Report

c) Principal's Report

- i) Many thanks to all those who were responsible for organising the Craft Fair
- ii) Parade of Lights was amazing with most things done by the kids - 40 strong! They were all assigned different tasks and worked together to get the job done. Principal Gilmore could not say enough about what a wonderful experience it was.
- iii) Voices is very conscious of the school climate. They are remaining positive, encouraged, and keeping the school spirit up. Regarding the school dance, there will not be any guests. Mr. Gilmore to clarify this with the students. Parent volunteers are not needed. On Friday 21, Voices will be taking on the Assembly. They are holding auditions. Outside help will be required for the tech components (light and sound). Parents are welcome. 3 admin will be present.
- iv) Brand new portable is being wired, and it will be ready for the second semester.

- v) Solar Field is being installed on the school roof. This is a private company install.
- vi) Labour Dispute: Seven - eight boards settled (Cairine Wilson included) and sent the agreement to the Ministry of Education. Cairine Wilson met the criteria; contract was sent back for ratification, however the deal has fallen through. At this time, all the details are not known. The teachers at Cairine are very professional, work hard, and are very positive. This is not the case in all the schools. The administration will continue to monitor the situation to make sure that the kids are coping well. The Union is asking teachers to come in 15 minutes prior to school start and stay just 15 minutes at the end of the school day. Teachers are required to test and evaluate students. Marks will be available, but may be delayed as they will be entered by the administration staff. Assessments and foundations are still taking place.
- vii) Highlights of "Question and Answer" with Principal Gilmore: Safety of students is a huge priority. There are no teachers for hallway, gym, or library monitoring, but teachers will intervene if necessary. Kids are reporting situations as needed. The cafeteria, hallways, library, and gym will be monitored on a rotating basis with three admin. There was no one to attend the area Principal's Meeting as they were all supervising events. Dialogue is important between staff, teachers, students, and admin. The teachers are encouraged to speak to the students regarding the dispute to make the facts known, but only if they are presenting the situation properly. The Principal will speak to any teacher if they should exceed this boundary. The students are not to be used as political vehicles. Parents expressed concerns that the prolonged action might change the climate in the school and affect the teacher's behaviour towards the students. Principal Gilmore again stressed that keeping good dialogue open is a priority, and that most of the teachers are finding ways to make things work.

viii) What's On at Cairine?

- (1) basketball and hockey will continue
- (2) Homework Club is contracted out; held Monday - Thursday after school. Steve McFadyen
- (3) Green Room open 8 - 4 with Educational Assistants: Colleen, Marsha, and Steve. There is academic support in both the Green Room and the Homework Club.
- (4) Credit Recovery continues during the day; not the evening. Literacy Partners will end.
- (5) Arts Night must perform to an audience. Discussion ongoing with Mr. Sambell and Ms. Trachy as to how this will happen. Possibly broken into two separate performances as Band and Drama.
- (6) Outdoor Education continues with activities that are directly related to passing the course.
- (7) There will be no Grade 8 Day which is unfortunate since it was very popular with the students.
- (8) Improv Team placed 5th with the Junior Team taking 4th place. This may not be the year for the Cappies. It is a huge undertaking requiring too many staff who are just not available at this time

d) Financial Report - Donata Leuenberger

i) Financial Statement reviewed. Discussion regarding holding some funds due to labour dispute as we don't know what the needs will be should the dispute continue. Need approximately \$315 for Relay for Life in May and \$500 for graduating class.

ii) Financial Requests:

- (1) Vice Principal Bill Arden wrote a very encouraging letter to council requesting \$350 for a volunteer appreciation lunch and gifts. Decision deferred until more information is received. Is this for Voices?
- (2) \$750 for new hockey jerseys. Decision deferred as the season is underway and the jerseys will not be received in time for this year. Will get a quote from Houle Sports as well as Lacroix Sports.
- (3) \$500 requested for Rowing Team uniforms from Regatta and/or Pro West Sports. Decision deferred as rowing takes place in the spring.
- (4) Motion to provide \$1,000 for Library Rejuvenation and to defer remaining \$1,000. *Motion Carried*
- (5) Motion to provide \$250 to Graphic Arts and Tech Classes for frames. *Motion Carried*

- e) OCASC Report - report is available on the OCASC WebSite as usual
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Craft Fair
 - i) Volunteers were incredible. One of the crafters asked that a message be passed on to say how amazing the student volunteers were! They felt it was one of the best craft fairs in the area!
 - ii) There was some feedback on ways to improve for next year: take a count of people entering, may be possible to pre-order Christmas trees (Debbie to get a name), there was some chaos with the kitchen runner's. Also, Louisa is not back next year. Consider becoming a volunteer! 5 -6 more people would be very helpful.
- 5) New Business
 - a) HOST Program: Richard Lussier runs a program called HOST (Help Our STudents) where funds are donated to a deserving, hard-working student. The request to set aside \$500 for this program will be deferred until January.
 - b) Next Speaker: There will be no guest speaker at the meeting in January to allow for further discussion regarding the labour dispute.
 - c) Closing Remarks: Elizabeth Fetterley thanked the administration for all their hard work.
- 6) Adjournment - 9:10 PM

Thanks to all Council Members for your time and effort!