**SCHOOL COUNCIL (2010 - 2011)**

ThorncliffeParkPublic School

**Minutes of Meeting # 6**

**Date:** Wednesday April 20 2011

Council members, staff members, and parents attended the meeting

Council Members:

1. Abdul Azeem Mohammed
2. Farah Hussaini
3. Khalid Mahmood
4. Ossama El Sarraff
5. Muhammad Sharif
6. SaeedSaddique
7. Rana Khan
8. Muhammad Ayub
9. IjazHussain

Staff members:

1. Mr. Kevin Battaglia – Principal
2. Mr. Rob Perry – V. Principal
3. Ms. Ann Murray –V. Principal
4. Ms. Susan Wired- V. Principal

Parents:

1. Tabassum Dana
2. Afreen Hina
3. AmbreenKamraan

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

 The meeting commenced at 7 PM with respect to the agenda

Section A:

Review previous months’ minutes

All the parent council members and the staff approved the Minutes of the last council meeting.

**Student Grade 4 Presentation**:

Three students: Malisha, Ramisha and Hasna presented the results of a survey they completed of the students in grade 4. They found that students enjoyed many different activities at school. They also found that students wanted to create a school newspaper where they will be actively involved.

Section B:

**Principal Presentation - 2011-12 staffing for Thorncliffe Park PS:**

Mr. Battaglia presented the process of staffing a elementary school. He indicated that staffing is done based on enrolment and that process begins in the middle of the school year and continues until the end of the year. He shared one concern regarding our school’s staffing – a large number family vacations which result in many students not being in attendance in school in September therefore the school can be under staffed because the students are not here to be counted. He also mentioned that the class size for k-3 is smaller than the class size for grades 4 and 5.

**Principal Presentation - New Kindergarten School Planning Update**

Mr. Battaglia gave an update regarding the new kindergarten school building. He said that that the building construction will not start until June 23 – near the last day of school. The board of trustee have to select the construction company, which will not start after board meeting. He also mentioned that the new building is planned to have some sheltered areas for parents.

Mr. Battaglia talked about the continued issues within the community regarding trespassing by youth who were drinking alcohol and or damaging/playing on the school roof.

Furthermore, the Architect will do presentation on May 4, 2011.

**Follow Up on Various School Projects**

**Education Week Events**

Mr. Battaglia informed the council about the various events in education week. Tuesday May 3rd will be the Literacy challenge and Wednesday May 4th will be the Numeracy challenge. There will be 30 activities. Parents and children will come and pick up their passports and there will be 10 classes to complete the challenges. May 5th will be the storytelling, drama and speech. May 6th will be the spring concert from grade 1 to grade 5.

**Parent Volunteer Liaison**

The Principal said that between 60-70 parents have submitted the forms.

**Grade 3 EQAO Preparation**

Mr. Battaglia updated that over 100 students have registered for the Saturday literacy and numeracy sessions. Moreover, two of 4 Saturday programs are completed. The total hours of the instruction for the session are 10 hrs. He also told that there is funding usually for various other grades by Ministry of Education and he has plans for other sessions for different grades in the fall.

**Grade 4&5 Health Education Curriculum**

Mr. Battaglia notified that the teachers have overviewed the program and that next Wednesday April 27th the videos and curriculum will be available to be reviewed by the council health education committee at 6pm.

**Section C:**

**Fun Fair Planning**

Mr. Khalid Mahmood, Chair gave an update of the Fun Fair plans:

* Two more Jumping Castles added.
* The Reptile show will be for 3 hrs. - 21 animals added with 4 presentations.
* The Juggler show will be for 45 minutes in the main gym.
* The Magic Show will be by expert magicians for 45 minutes.
* There will be an Art Exhibition, which will be from the Principal’s enrichment program grade 4 & 5 with the concept of expressive art. The 70-80 paintings will be placed in the lobby and parents will nominate the best. The theme of the contest will be Images of Thorncliffe and a special paper will be provided.
* There will be face painting, Henna painting and cultural bazaar.
* There will be an ice-cream truck.
* There are 120 volunteers and 52 vendors.
* The staff and volunteers will run the games.
* The students of Marc Garneau Collegiate will look after the tickets for the jumping castle.
* The Principal is ordering the T-shirts for volunteers.
* The Lucky draw will be available from 10:30-11:30 am and it will focus for who participate in the opening ceremony.
* The whole set up would be done by 10a.m.
* The funds collected are $4,400 that includes the $1000 from the council fund grant.
* The fundraising focuses for the gardening and borrow book program.
* The cost of jumping castle is $1.25 for each child and 25 cents goes to school fund.
* The cost of Reptile show, juggler show, and magic show is 50 cents for each show.
* The pass will be $6 for wristband and $2 more for unlimited rides.
* The face painting and Henna will be $1each.
* There will be five different games also going to be run.
* He suggested students & classes to come up with a poster for a special funfair canvas on wall.

**Next Meetings**

* The next meeting for Fun Fair preparation will be on Monday May 9th at 7p.m.
* The last council meeting will be on May 18th 2011.