

Superior Community School: Parent Council Minutes

Chairperson: Joy Himelman **Recorder:** Luisa Alfonso and Suzanne Belcamino **Date:** October 26, 2009

In attendance: Carol McNeice, Suzanne Belcamino, Joy Himmelman, Ron Lee Kam, Blair Welch-Clark, Anita Caruso, Wayne Fletcher, Ellen Mortfield, Wendy Piccinin, Eugema Ings and Luisa Alfonso

Regrets: Darla Smith

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Welcome and Introductions	Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm	
Review and approval of Agenda	MOVED BY: Suzanne Belcamino SECONDED BY: Blair Welch-Clark	
Review and approval of last minutes	MOVED BY: Anita Caruso SECONDED BY: Wendy Piccinin With amendments	
Business arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PRO Grant</u> - Ron prepared an application. The grant was reviewed by Joy and Wayne and submitted on October 15 to the Ministry of Education. The only problem was there was no drop down menu to find Superior CVI, therefore the grant was filed under Hillcrest H. S. The grant submission of \$1000 is for a speaker from a community agency (eg. St. Jopseph’s Care Group) to talk about Eating Disorders , the advertising, and provision of childcare for the event. This event will be open to the public. Need people to work and move this along. If funded, we will know by November 30th. Plan to have the event in February 2010. MOTION: That the grant be accepted as submitted and to develop a committee to see it through. MOVED BY: Ron Lee Kam SECONDED BY: Suzanne Belcamino CARRIED COMMITTEE: Carol McNeice, Wendy Piccinin and Ron Lee-Kam Topic: Eating Disorder. • <u>Scholarship</u> – Wayne and Joy visited Tom Jones. The company agreed to do a leadership gift and is willing to give a list of the contractors who worked on school (potential donors). Letters will also be sent to alumni of the 09 reunion seeking donations. Bonnie Paajunen, chair of the Reunion Committee approved of the fundraising. Joy will work with Judy in the Office re sending out letters. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>By Laws</u> – To be e-mailed A.S.A.P. so we will vote next meeting. • <u>What’s my Mark</u> –. This is a Portal which would allow teachers to upload marks and students and parents to view them. Small fee; it is not free. Voluntary to be on it • <u>Recycling</u> – Lakehead University students are developing materials/items for a recycling program in Thunder Bay. It may be distributed through the Board – program to be implemented this year (How-to guide). Schools will be responsible for bins – Would ideally be at the Board level. What will happen after recyclable items are collected? May have custodial issues? This topic to be put on the Agenda as a standing report. <p>MOTION: That this Council have its own recycling endeavor(s) to be environmentally responsible.</p> <p>ACTION: Buy plates, forks, glasses, pitchers, etc. for meetings to minimize the non recycling waste. To use e-mail as much as possible to minimize the waste of paper.</p> <p>MOVED BY: Carol McNeice SECONDED BY: Ron Lee-Kam CARRIED – Unanimous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Food Coupon</u> – Cafeteria Dollars – SUPERIOR FOOD BUCKS (Superior Food for Superior bucks). Promote this on Synervoice. Investigate, follow up with Joanne Friske in Cafeteria. • <u>Community Rep</u> – Perhaps approaching a small business as a rep (Georges’ Market, Robin Donuts, Dr. Bert Sullivan, etc.) would be a good idea. Tim Horton’s may have an educational program. What is the best way to integrate school into community, and vice-versa? Perhaps send an invitation to community, business and rental groups to work with the School Council on issues in our purview. We could also send minutes of our meetings to community groups to keep community businesses informed and provide Council contact information should they want to put an item on our agenda. 	<p>Luisa Alfonso</p> <p>Luisa Alfonso</p> <p>Wayne Fletcher (investigate)</p> <p>Wayne Fletcher (write letter)</p> <p>??????</p>
Burning issues	<u>Assistance for family of Superior students who lost their home to fire.</u> Suzanne Belcamino has spearheaded a staff collection of money for the family. Student council will be donating money from the dance on October 28 to the family. Currently they are living with their grandmother. They lost everything.	
Correspondence	People for Education (School Council Survey and other information), Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence Nomination form.	Luisa Alfonso
Committee Reports	Student Council – (Representative absent at this time) Suzanne and Madeline Reinikka put in an application for fundraising and Maddy is at the meeting this evening. Possibility of SAC getting a grant.	

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	<p><u>United Way</u> – Spaghetti supper, United the Way concert (November 25th) and Halloween dance on Wednesday, October 2, (portion of profit will go to student family---see Burning Issues)</p> <p>Students will build a sculpture at school with the food cans that they will collect from Halloween (admission at dance and door to door campaign). Cans will then be transported to Intercity Mall for a sculpture/display and then the food cans will be delivered to the RFDA.</p>	
	<p>Staff – Staff feels there are not enough computers and printers that can be accessed by the students for class research and on their spares. The Library technician will not allow students in library if there is a class in there and/or must have a note from teacher.</p> <p>Staff supports the use of the school by community groups but is finding it difficult to book events for curricular and extracurricular activities for students.</p>	Suzanne Belcamino
	<p>Administration 1) October was a very busy month. We are still finishing up areas that still need completing. Almost everything has been moved from Hillcrest. Most of the shelving has been completed. The construction tech room, the art area and the stage still need to be finished. The front house light bar and lights will be installed November 3, 4 and 5.</p> <p>2) Awards night was on Oct. 22 and it was very successful. There were about 400 parents and family members present.</p> <p>3) The bookings for the school are very high. This shows the high level of interest in using the school. Wayne stated that student bookings for curriculum/extracurricular activities come first.</p> <p>4) Donna Flaszka has moved to Vick Park as Coordinator for Secondary School Improvement. This has caused some teacher movement and replacement hiring for the 3 periods Ms Flaszka had this semester. We will also have to replace her for second semester but this will be done later. We received 3 additional periods due to the increase in enrollment over projection. So we have some new teachers in the building.</p> <p>5) We will be practicing lockdown procedures later this year. The police gave a short presentation and we have been instructed by the Board to practice several times during the year.</p> <p>6) There are 2 grade nine students who are 2 of the 6 national finalists for the “Dream Take Your Kid to Work” contest. The School will also receive \$1000 for being one of the top 3 schools with the most entrants nationally.</p>	Wayne Fletcher
	<p>Council of Chairs’ Report</p> <p>I was in attendance of the CSCC on Oct 19. There seemed to be a good turn out. There was a lot of talk about the PIC verses the CSCC. After some time it was decided that the CSCC would get back to its roots and put the focus back on the schools. Helping school council’s work better at each school level is the main focus of the CSCC and it will be again. I asked about the wireless at Superior and the web sites at all schools. The websites at the elementary schools are done as well as Westgate. The wireless will take some time; no estimates as to when that will be. Lori L and</p>	Blair Welch-Clark

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	<p>Sheila S will go to the People for Ed conference in Toronto next month. It is a two day conference full of workshops and networking. Very worth while. I was there a few years ago. (If you want to pay my way I will go this year too.) Ian McRae, handed out the System Operational Plan and it was discussed. I have made notes in the handout. There were some questions about the role of school council; see pg 8, pg11. No worries about anything. The main concern was the proposed Bill 177 and how it could affect the Board of Trustees. I am somewhat unclear at the moment, as this is in draft and no real details were given. But it is something we should all be concerned about. There will be more info coming forthwith.</p> <p>The CSCC will be having a "Kids and Cops" demo next month. This will allow school council members to get an idea if they want this program offered as an info evening or as a class assembly in their own schools. I will attend this meeting to see this demonstration.</p> <p>The constitution has been amended and will stand for now. We have yet to have an election because there is no one willing to stand as Chair, a rotating roster will be in place this year. It may improve things.</p>	
	Budget – not available yet	Luisa Alfonso
	<p>Website – www.superiorcvi.com .Westgate's new website is finished.</p> <p>Library tech to give information to Jennifer Tavares at Board office. Jennifer will be the web contact person for Superior CVI.</p>	
	Home and School Association – Lots of activities planned. All dependent on the grant.	Eugema Ings
Policies and Procedures under Review		
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People for Education • PIC Committee – Looking for two reps from council of chairs 	
Adjournment	9:35 pm	
Next meeting: November 30, 2009, 7:00 pm, Seminar Room		

Chair Signature: _____