

**SUPERIOR C.V.I.
MINUTES
Monday, September 28, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE: Joy Himmelman, Ron Lee Kam, Suzanne Belcamino, Blair Welch-Clark, Wendy Piccinin, Ellen Mortfield, Anita Caruso, Carol Lee Thompson, Janet Twomy, Sue Taylor, Cindy Byers, Wayne Fletcher and Luisa Alfonso.

Regrets: Eugene Ins, Darla Smith

1. Welcome and introductions.

The Chairperson, Joy Himmelman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Review and approval of Agenda

Moved by: Blair Welch-Clark

Seconded by: Ron Lee Kam

Review and approval of Monday, June 22, 2009 minutes.

Moved by: Ron Lee Kam

Seconded by: Suzanne Belcamino

3. Business arising from minutes.

Scholarship campaign. Joy Himmelman read a letter that she prepared for the alumni asking for financial support to establish Hillcrest Scholarship.

- add to letter *any amount appreciated*
- soliciting businesses that benefited from the construction of the school build.
- MOVED: Blair
- SECOND: Wendy
- Thought about sending a letter home to families to solicit funds. Blair suggested to form a committee to look at long term goals.
- Joy met with Wayne Fletcher, Jed Ruberto (Head of Student Services), Ann Taylor (Counsellor) and Michelle Smykalski (Accounting clerk at The Lakehead Board of Education)
- Mr. Fletcher gave a bit of “history” of the scholarship, awards and bursaries.

Family Open House. Successful. Many visited display board and cards for school council. Many people picked up presentation/information cards.

The sign outside of the building and the syner voice are very good sources of reminding parents of events.

Promotion Materials. - “Mr. Print” did cards and hand bills for Superior events for School Council.

Webmaster correspondence to the Board.

- advocating for website
- letter was mailed to Director of Education and Board members to use money from kick off for School Councils to be used for webmaster.
- November 2nd. – Kick off for School Council - Offer to host Superior but declined and Kick Off will be hosted at Travellodge as per usual.

- **Response from Board.** A template for each school is being designed to standardize website with central support. The Library Technician in each school will be the contact person and she/he will send this to Jennifer Tavares, at the Board.

PRO Grants (Parents Reaching Out)

- Due October 16/09
- Grant for Eating Disorder Presentation – Carol Lee will look into someone at St Joseph to do presentation.
- Ron will prepare grant application.
- Last council generated issues to discuss (suicide prevention, teen depression, eating disorders, teenage brain).

4. Correspondence

- Thank you notes from scholarship recipients.
- Fundraising letter to pass to Home and School.

5. Burning Issues

- Ron brought up temperature of the showers for Phys-ed lockers rooms concerns. Showers are too hot in gym. Board has not trained custodian to regulate the temperature yet. Wayne brought issue to the board and they are looking at it.

Q: When are students/parents going to get reports cards?

A: Mid term Report Cards will be issued November 20th. Syner voice will be sent out. Report cards given to students. Students given 30 day report and there will be Parent- teacher interviews October 15th. Wayne informed the new members about the process. Suzanne informed about www.whatsmyark.com web site.

6. Committee Reports:

- a) **Student Council** - student unable to attend meeting. Suzanne presented report.
- Very active group of students.
 - Gr 9 fun day via face book organized. 50 students helping
 - Treated lunch in the cafeteria.
 - Week of orientation. Fly on the Wall, Hot Pepper Eating contest, Pie on a Senior face, bake sale. Encouraging all students to get involved
 - Welcome new students to attend SAC meetings and get involved
 - First dance 150 + attended. No incidents. A lot of teachers support.
 - Next week students will be going to King fisher for Leadership retreat (Grs. 10-12) Notification will go out this week to students who have been selected.
 - S.A.C. planning adopting a child – World Vision (fundraising throughout the year)/SOS children
 - Plans for October:
 - Octoberfest activities
 - October 16 pep rally (gym) football at 5:00.
 - Planning to rent a bus for final game to go to Fort William Stadium. Last year was wonderful.
 - Halloween dance October 21st.
 - Plans for November (United Way month)
 - Kick off – talent show, tool sale, food for sale, auction.
 - ending month with “**Unite the Way Concert**”.

- Spoke about G.S.A. Gay Straight Alliance to raise money for Jake Raynard
- Social justice will be doing Halloween for hunger and building a can sculpture. Last year raised \$ 7,500 worth of food and cash.)Food will go to Regional Food Bank)
- S.A.C. will be collecting cans at Halloween for this
- Challenged issued to other high schools and have been welcomed back to Intercity Mall to build sculpture.

b) Staff - (Suzanne Belcamino) Sent out e-mail to teaching staff asking for issues, feed back, etc., to present to this meeting.

- Teachers felt not enough computers for student to access as well as printing accessibility. Also, keep in mind not all students have technology (iphones, laptops)
- When will wireless system will be available to students?
Wayne: It may be in October. Technician needs to be trained.
- 28 computers in the library.
- Minor issues with regards to school. Things are slow to come from Hillcrest, living out of boxes.
- Unfinished things in the building (cupboards, no/wrong size screens, bleachers.)
- Culture of involvement transferred from Hillcrest to Superior
- **Breakfast Program** is asking for donation. ie.: gift certificates for food, food, volunteering time to go grocery shopping.

c) Administration – (Wayne Fletcher)

- Growing pains This year. Picked up 100 new students. Included students from out of town (Terrace Bay, Geraldton, etc) and from Catholic System.
- Total enrolment =885 students (full-time).
- Additional Staff (extra periods required)
- Increase participation by community groups (non-profit – no cost but **if student needs it they get it first.**)
- Student Success Coordinator – Donna Flaszka from Superior moved to Board. New teacher starting tomorrow.
- Bleachers being put it

Q: Ron – What is happening at lunch. Where are students having lunch.

A: In cafetorium and first floor, but students are also going outside. No eating on the second floor.

- Cafetorium holds 385 seated.
- Ladies in the cafetorium are cooking great meals.
- Looking into Recool to do further recycling. Call Ellen (Eco Superior) to help set up.
- In general, moral is really positive, both staff and students.

d) Council of Chairs

- Minister of Education was here and visited school
- Parent Council meeting with minister was not attended well. Thought this is due to lack of advertising
- Parent Involvement Committee – looking for two parent/guardian at large and one community rep. November 2nd deadline if interested.

e) Budget

- No print out. Have not received school money yet.

f) **Web site** - (see business arising)

g) **Home and School Association**

- September 17 meeting – elearning workshop, attempt to hold elections but could not have them because not enough people..
- Open House same time so workshop not well attended. Looking at doing it again in new year.
- Did a membership drive during Open House. 30 members.

7. **Policies and Procedures (Under Review)**

- sent via e-mail. Will resend to new people.

8. **New Business**

- Kick off – November 2nd at Travelodge for all councils. PIC made decision to keep at venue but same source of money.
- Breakfast program - see Ann Taylor for further information
- Meal cards/tickets for cafeteria instead of bringing cash.
- Produce coupon/card and keep track of it. Wayne will talk with Joanne in Cafeteria.
- **Empty Bowls** – Sunday, October 25, at the Moose Hall at 5:00 p.m. Dinner events. \$25. soup, bread and placemats. Needs volunteers. Students can get volunteer hours while enjoying and learning from this event.

Community Rep

- Concern about surrounding community re. parking
- Concern about garbage.
- How do we encourage a positive **REP**
- Wayne will talk to cabinet.

Meetings – Last Monday of the month at **7:00 p.m.**

Notice of Motion for Bylaws

- Bylaws for Hillcrest were new. Carol McNiece changed to Superior C.V.I.
- Will send out electronically and vote on them next meeting.

Elections (chair and vice-chair)

- Joy for President, nominated by Ron, seconded by Blair. She is willing to continue as chair but cannot attend the council of chairs meetings.
- Blair suggested that council rotates to CSCC. Blair will go October 19th (Vick Park)
- Wendy letting her name stand as Vice-president
- When giving Luisa a report, please send electronically or put in print for Luisa to correlate minutes.

The Council adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Next meeting: October 26, 2009, Seminar Room.