

Champlain Discovery Parent Council Meeting Minutes September 10th, 2013

Present: Laura Demont, Stacey Robinson, Tina Williams, Allyson McBride, Stephanie Petermann, Michelle Belsher (Principal), Tracey Sloan, Shelley Gagne (Vice-Principal), Mokhles Rahman

Regrets: Melanie McClelland, Fiona Geddes, Sherri Gaston, Debbie Estabrooks

1. **Welcome to all and Introductions**

2. **Todd Stevens** – Basketball Initiatives. Todd has done some volunteer work previously with Michelle when she was at Beachburg. She was impressed with his work and it was a positive experience. He is willing to run basketball clinics, convene tournaments and help the students develop their skills. There is a possibility of running an evening clinic and charging % with half the proceeds going to Champlain and the remaining money to Todd. He is also willing to volunteer his time during the day to run clinics with the primary students (grades 1-3) the junior grades and the intermediates. At this time parent council thought this was a wonderful idea. Anything that encourages students to be active and participate in extra curricular activities is beneficial to our school. Todd will continue to work with Michelle regarding his involvement. He did mention that we might want to consider lowering the nets outside or possibly getting new ones for the primary grades. He also wondered if the score clock in the gym was functional and if not, could we look at getting a new one. The involvement will start gradually.

3. **Head Checks.** Head Lice has started to appear at the school. Michelle has requested help in performing lice checks. Laura, Stephanie and Tina volunteered to come in on Wednesday to perform head checks. Lice is deemed as a nuisance and we can encourage parents to take their children home and perform the necessary tasks to get rid of it but we can't keep them from coming to school. Head checks up until grade 6 were performed Wed Sept. 11th and Thursday Sept. 12th.

4. **Aviva and Canada Post (Playground)** - We talked about our involvement with Aviva last year. Stacey will put in for a trillium grant to go towards the playground. The difficulty we are facing now is that the City of Pembroke is saying that Riverside Park has an accessible playground. This means that we would not have the only one thus reducing the possible grants we could receive for this. Sherri had mentioned in an email to Laura that Canada Post also has funding available. At this time, Stacey is not able to look into Canada Post as well as Trillium. **We will need someone to look into Canada Post. Please let Laura know if you can do this at this time.**

5. **Fundraising Initiatives for the upcoming year.** We had mapped this out in June as to what we wanted to do for the upcoming year. Laura has copies of these and will send them out in an email. It is basically: September (Little

Ceasars); October and November (magazine and Imagine sales) ; January (MacMillans) ; April (Scrapbooking) ; May (fun fair) . We also discussed that all fundraising is done together as a school and that \$10 is allotted for each child. We also gave money to the French teachers and art teachers last year. Grade 8 fundraising is separate and is done by parents and teachers.

6. **Meet the Teacher Night** – we will once again set up a table with Criminal Record Checks (make sure all of ours are in if needed) and volunteer forms as well as info on the playground. Laura and Stacey will help run this, please let them know if you can help as well. Meet the Teacher is on Tuesday. Sept. 17th. Stacey mentioned that it would be great if the Kindergarten classes participated this year as well as they haven't in the past. Michelle will look into this.
7. **Other items discussed:**
 - Ford is coming to present the check to the school tomorrow (Wednesday Sept. 11th). We received \$1500.00 (Yay for us and a big Thanks to Sherri for organizing) The school is also doing a spirit assembly that day as well. The winning class will receive a pizza lunch. Michelle and Shelley stressed that they would like to focus on school spirit this year and this is a creative way to do it. The kids are super pumped!
 - Coles has adopted us. (Yay us!) Between Sept. 15th and Oct. 5th, they will be accepting donations for our school. They will also be holding a bake sale on Sept. 28th and have requested donations. They need to be dropped off in the am at Coles.
 - We continue to accept receipts stamped by Moncion's. Although we are curious as to how much money it brings in and where it goes. We also thought that maybe we should advertise it better as we are sure that some people don't really know what it's all about.
 - We are still in desperate need of new uniforms. There is an upcoming track meet in October and it would be nice to have new uniforms or at least matching ones. Dan Moore is looking into ordering the T-Shirts with the school log that the intermediate grades have gotten in the past.
 - Michelle will look into the soccer posts outside. They may be cemented into the ground, which would not allow us to move them very easily.
 - We have a new photography company this year. We will be receiving year books - \$15 each all colour, a new roof top photo will be done, SK grad photos, they gave us a new camera and a new banner to hang in the gym and will be offering a family photo night on Nov. 13th from 5-9 pm. (this will cost \$10 for the sitting fee and a free 8x10 for each family)

Next meeting will be Nov. 12th at 6pm – Hope to see you all there ☺