



**LBP School Council Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

**Attendees:**

Véronique O'Malley  
Marion Tripp  
Dawn Weagle  
Michelle Dacey  
Natalie Avery  
Jessica Beatty

Stephanie Crapper  
Orisha Snider  
Stephen Sands  
Kim Dodd  
Andy Bruckner  
Patricia Scott-Jeoffroy

## **Introduction**

- Welcome

## **School Council Overview**

- Marion Tripp provided an overview for the attendees of what School Council does, who they are and their objectives for each meeting.
- Each member introduced themselves. Some new parents have joined the Council. Those who have indicated an interest in the Council will be sent an email.

## **Correspondence**

- Most of this month's correspondence was soliciting business.
- The financial submission for Council was included and will go to the Treasurer.
- The Holiday calendar is included in correspondence.

## **Teachers Report**

- Cross country has started and is held twice a week. The Area meet is October 16 at Fleury Park.
- Badminton and volleyball tryouts have begun, as well as the choir.
- Teachers are looking at the EQAO data to find out where to put more focus.
- Curriculum night is Thursday, September 24. The Anti CYBER-Bullying seminar is being held at 6:15 in the gym.



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### Principal's Report

- The school classes have been reviewed and as of next week, the split classes will be dissolved and classes will be full grades. Parents and children will be informed this week and full grades will be in effect as of the week of September 28, 2009.
- This year we have 732 children in the school.
- Every organization in the school board has to create a plan to improve school achievement. So the School Plan for Continuous Improvement is the same layout for all schools. LBP will focus on increasing reading, writing and math scores. There is a section in the Plan for improving the school climate and a section for family and community engagement, including homework, parent-school communication, among other things. Work on revising the Plan began in March 2009. School Council will receive a handout for their input. Members can bring feedback to the next School Council meeting.
- Attendance is a major area of concern and an area of required change. Students being late, being away for holidays and just absent is increasing every year. This has affected report card completion and concepts not being learned. This issue is being addressed in the School Plan for Continuous Improvement.
- A chart is being put in this month's newsletter with questions parents need to ask when considering pulling kids out of school, whether for doctor's appointments or vacation. School Council will get sample letters the school is considering distributing to parents to review and provide feedback to the School Administration. A proposal was brought forward to further educate parents by including an article that links absences from school to performance at school to further stress the importance of attending school regularly. Such article could be included with the letter to be sent home.
- To help curb the increasing number of kids who are late for school, after three lates, they will be staying in for first recess.
- School Council and teachers will be highlighting these issues to parents. School Council will provide feedback to the consequences around these issues.
- Last year's School Plan showed literacy improving dramatically. The area of focused improvement now is social, including anti-bullying, empathy, etc.



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- For this year's plan, an electronic copy will be sent to School Council members. Feedback will be combined and then presented to School Administration.
- Mme O'Malley provided details on the school's mobile phone policy, which requires that all phones be turned off during school hours, and the corresponding consequences of violating the policy. Clear messages have already been delivered to the student body on this subject and a marked decrease in violations has already been noted since last year. As a reminder to parents, details of the policy will be provided in the next newsletter.

### SSA Report

- The next SSA meeting is October 13, therefore, the School Council budget is due to SSA by October 6, 2009. John Aldis will need to ask for a money request with a blanket amount, with details to follow shortly thereafter.
- Proceeds from the picnic committee are being asked for lighting. SSA will have to work with Mme. Weafer on this request.
- There was a question around purchasing juice for pizza lunch when the milk program is in effect. SSA has been asked to look into the issue for next year to avoid duplication of drinks for the kids.

### Elections

- Stephanie Crapper has been nominated and seconded for Secretary.
- John Aldis has been nominated and seconded for Treasurer.
- Orisha Snider and Marion Tripp have been nominated and seconded to co-chair the School Council.
- Elections will be held October 6, 2009.

### New Business

- To facilitate greater opportunities for the parent population to communicate with School Council, the names of all council members will be published in the next newsletter with appropriate contact information.
- QSP magazine fundraising material will be distributed on September 23.
- Take forward items - Hand sanitizer use at school and H1N1 preparedness.

The next School Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.



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