Mapleview Heights School Council
October 1, 2012
Library

Present are: Rob Prouty, Michele Walma, Dennis Bradley, Ann Compton, Michelle Millson, Dawn Storey, Heather Cloughley, Bessie Protopapas, Celia Mirco, Pat Wilson, Lisa Bisnath, Karen Frost, Jennifer Otis, Jessica Biga-Wadstein, Nicole Cunningham, Carrie Theissler, Stacey Geddes, Beth Samra, Kelly Pegg and Sarah Prime.

Meeting commenced at 6:40 pm.

1. School Business (Rob Prouty)
   - Introductions and attendance.
   - Rob’s goal is that by the end of the school year is that every classroom will have a data projector along with the netbook already there. All portables and approximately 30% of inside classrooms have them.
   - All classrooms have a white board.
   - What’s happening at the school this year? They approximate that the construction will be done by January. We will be down to 5 portables once the addition is complete. The basketball nets will be replaced once everything is complete. The benches that were next to the Kindergarten area will be redone somewhere as well.
   - What will they do to the gravel area where the portables were? When everything is completed, they will most likely re-grade it and re-sod it. Rob will have a meeting and discuss it with Rick when it’s all done.
   - Karen asked if we’ll get the other soccer net back? Rob is not sure what will happen with the other one the school fundraised for years ago, but was taken away to make room for portables in the past.
   - In regards to the yard, after the construction is complete, Rob will involve representation from the parents in offering input to any improvements.
   - Michelle had a concern brought to her outside the grade 7-8 doors with the balls and mini sticks in the mornings by kids in probably grades 2-3 and kids are getting hit. Rob will announce tomorrow that they should be only for recesses.
   - Not all after school programs are cancelled. A couple of teachers are going to start cross country running again. As of right now, it’s a teacher’s choice (as it always is). Some intermediate intramurals are still running.

2. Extreme Pita (Mitul Patel)
   - There are 4 new pitas offered that comply to legislation. Caesar, grilled chicken, turkey and ham.
   - Have samples here today, they're passed around. 6 inch, small on whole wheat
   - Last year we offered the pita only for $3.25 and we charged $4. An additional option open to us is to include milk or a juice box along with a side (an apple or pita chips). It would cost us $4 and we’d charge $5. We like this second option and vote in favour of it.
   - We’re thinking Mondays, possibly Tuesdays not sure. Mitul says Tuesday is preferred.
   - Need volunteer to count money and distribute. Mitul can drop off and pick up forms.
   - Distribution day, parent volunteer would need to get here at approximately 12:50.
   - Organized by class. Individual names on each bag.
   - Dawn and Jennifer volunteered; they could share between the two of them.
3. **Tupperware Fundraising (Stacey Geddes)**
   - Tupperware has a fundraising catalogue with over 65 options and 40% of sales would go directly to the school. It states right in the catalogue under the item cost how much would be going back to the school.
   - Possible incentive prizes that we could do: everyone who returns the envelope, whether they order or not could be entered into a draw, highest seller could win something, highest selling class could win a pizza party, maybe an incentive for teachers.
   - Stacey and her recruiter Bonnie would be handling the sorting and bagging. They could deliver it to the school or could have a pick up night.
   - Orders would take approximately 10 business days to get come in after the orders get entered into the computer.
   - Timing wise, we can do whenever. Springtime might be an idea as there are a lot of fundraising options we do throughout the fall.

4. **World’s Finest Chocolate (Rob Prouty)**
   - The chocolate is in the office already, we have the “choc box” which includes caramels, chocolate covered caramels and chocolate covered raisins.
   - Need 2 people to run it. Students would sign them out and return the money and/or chocolate sold or not sold. Students would need to bring back whatever chocolate they don’t sell.
   - They’ve provided an iPod to raffle off as incentive. Maybe will add a movie ticket or something else as incentive to sell.
   - Want to get this going this week as Thanksgiving.
   - Lisa and Karen will volunteer to help run this.

5. **Eat Well to Excel Bins (Dawn Storey)**
   - There is one bin per classroom, for the kids who need food because they’re still hungry or didn’t get enough to eat. This is a government funded program Eat Well to Excel.
   - An example of foods provided: granola bars, nutri-grain bars, apple sauce, juice boxes, cheese spread and crackers, fruit bars.
   - Dawn has about 8 bins left to complete. Last year Michelle Magnusson went about every 6 weeks to shop for the bins. Karen and Heather both said they could help out if Dawn needed help.

6. **Hot Dog Day – Grade 8’s (Dawn Storey)**
   - The DS classes used to do this. Can we have the Grade 8’s do this for their Quebec trip, which is going to be at the end of January this year?
   - Would we still need a parent volunteer to do this? Yes we would, maybe circulate a letter to the grade 8 parents to help out. 2 volunteers are better. Dawn will contact Rob with some questions further to this.
   - Same thing with popcorn, they will do it to fundraise until the trip and then continue with the proceeds going to the school.
   - When we do fundraising for a particular grade, we can only fundraise for that particular grade and not for the entire school. We try not to do a whole school fundraiser that way as we do a lot of other school fundraising.

7. **Milk Program (Volunteer)**
   - Heather will look into the milk program. She took home some information last year, but it wasn’t clear as to who she should contact for further information.
• Rob says that Kawartha Dairy does this in our area.
• This is typically an everyday program, Monday to Friday. If your kid is sick, then that day is lost.
• Heather will follow up further.
• Pat says she will help.

8. *Lunch Lady (Kelly Pegg)*
• This is a hot lunch program where students can choose from a menu of items for a cost of $3-5. She can do Fridays.
• She does everything and does not need a parent volunteer. She drops off the menus to give out to the kids. The orders can be submitted in paper form or on-line.
• Kelly will check to see if they can accommodate the split lunch, so those that eat second won't have their lunch sitting around getting cold.
• If your child is sick, there is an option on-line to cancel that order and receive a credit for a future order.
• All food is within the guidelines (80% healthy to 20% "not as healthy" on the menu)
• We need to clarify what % or $ we make and how we track it.

9. *Halloween Haunt*
• Halloween is on a Wednesday this year. When would we set this up and do this? It is agreed to set it up on the Saturday morning before (October 27th) and have it on Monday morning and Tuesday (Monday afternoon is the Character Ed assembly).
• Rob asked that Dennis confirm with the before/after school program that they will need to relocate the Monday and Tuesday both before and after school and Wednesday morning programs.
• Dennis, Michelle, Bessie, Kelly, Dawn, Lisa and Karen said they can help set up. It will start at 9:30am on Saturday October 27th.

10. *Fundraising Plan*
• Acorn - will we do this again this year? With the current political situation with the teachers, it's on hold until that is figured out. We would need to get it ASAP for a Christmas delivery.
• Gift Card selling program - it was sort of looked into last year.
• Basket Raffle - Partly this going ahead would depend if there will be a Christmas concert this year, as a lot of tickets are bought at the concert. Karen said she would help if it's a go. It was also suggested to take pictures of them and display them on the school website.
• Poinsettias - Michelle and Dawn said they'd do this again.
• Colt Game - Rob said he will contact them to see about doing this again.

11. *Q&A/New Business*
• It was asked if there is a place to access any bylaws pertaining to school council. Rob directed to look at the Simcoe County school board website. We don't strictly adhere to any specific bylaws. We are a little more relaxed plus it would be too difficult to obtain a quorum in the event of a less than usual number of attendees at a meeting. We do not vote on an executive council, it is on a volunteer basis.
• What do we want to be part of the school council? What, ultimately, do we want to contribute to the school? Rob mentioned we are welcome to put out a School Council newsletter.

• **Next Meeting:** Monday November 5, 2012 @ 6:30 pm
• Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm