

# Ecole Robert Browning Involved Parent Council Minutes

## Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### In attendance:

Principal: Michelle Clarke  
Vice Principal: Manual Gomes  
President: Susan Cava-Salie  
Treasurer: Lisa Omand  
Secretary: Megan Wegert

### Other attendees:

Nancy Tovell     Janice Lane     Leigh-Anne Slator     Diane Johnson     Kisa Maclsaac     Quincy Barnesky

- 1.0 Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Susan Cava-Salie. Round the room introductions.
- 2.0 **Administrative Report** – submitted by Michelle Clarke-Principal & Manuel Gomes-Vice Principal
  - 2.1 2014/2015 enrollment at 359 (Gomes)
  - 2.2 **Dogs Prohibited** (Gomes)
    - ❖ More signage will be posted around the school grounds
    - ❖ Some neighbours have put in better fencing to keep the children away from their dogs at recess.
  - 2.3 **Lockdown Practice** (Gomes)
    - ❖ two per year
    - ❖ A practice will be held during the week of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
  - 2.4 The CancerCare Puppet Show was well received by all children (Gomes)
  - 2.5 The Bus Ridership program is ongoing this month. (Gomes)
  - 2.6 There will be an Online Safety presentation with Constable Mitch Rochon held on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. (Gomes)
  - 2.7 A Restitution presentation will be held at the next parent council evening, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. There will be a skit performed by some students from Grades 3,4&5. (Gomes)
  - 2.8 **Parking Meeting** (Clarke)
    - ❖ Oct.27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
    - ❖ The request for an adult crossing guard at the intersection of Browning Blvd. and Rouge Rd. will be discussed
    - ❖ The revised parking/traffic proposal will be presented by the School Division
  - 2.9 A Numeracy Night will be held for pre-K children age 4 on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. (Clarke)
  - 2.10 **School Fundraising** (Clarke)
    - ❖ Dancing With the Stars
    - ❖ Should the school hold another bake sale or should a silent auction be held? A bake sale was supported by the parent council.
  - 2.11 **Budget** (Clarke)
    - ❖ Can the parent council continue with the annual classroom donations?
      - \$75.00 was given this year with the parent council reserving it's decision on donating a further \$25.00 till the final treasurer reports are in from 2013.
    - ❖ Festival du Voyageur
      - It's traditionally been very cold when the Grade 3s have gone. This year the school will be looking at internal ways to celebrate.
      - The pancake breakfast will still be held.
      - The Grade 5 Farewell was brought up and tentative plans put in place to continue as last year.
  - 2.12 **School Clubs, Choir, Intramurals** (Clarke)
    - ❖ These will be starting up soon for the year

- ❖ Permission slips will be sent home as needed to parents
  - ❖ Choir will be held during regular class hours this year
- 2.13** Parent involvement at the school is encouraged. If criminal record checks haven't been completed by parents the forms are in the office. (Clarke)
- 2.14** The server issues and inconsistent send outs of Synervoice communications has been addressed. (Clarke)
- 2.15** A copy of the current Code of Conduct at ERB has been photocopied for the parent council. It can be found by parents on the school's website. (Clarke)
- 2.16** A Facebook page for the parent council has been approved. This page can be found at: [Ecole Robert Browning Involved Parent Council](#). (Clarke)
- 2.17 Canadian Parents for French** (Clarke)
- ❖ Membership was discussed in this organization again.
  - ❖ It was suggested not to further research on joining. We have discussed joining on and off for almost twenty years and have not done so.
- 3.0** Administrative report accepted motion by Lisa and seconded by Nancy.
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report**
- ❖ The treasurer's report for May 2014 is not available yet. It will be submitted for approval at the next Parent Council meeting.
  - ❖ Preliminary overview suggests the parent council has a balance of over \$7500 approximately.
  - ❖ QSP has not been finalized. The final numbers should be in for the next parent council meeting.
  - ❖ The possibility of 3 fundraisers was brought up.
  - ❖ Motion to pass treasurer's report by Leanne and seconded by Quincy.
- 5.0 Committee Briefs:**
- ❖ **Book Fair** – committee head: Erin Dejardins
  - ❖ **Fun Lunch** – committee head: Crystal Farr
    - The first Fun Lunch was well received. The students and volunteers were pleased with Boston Pizza.
  - ❖ **Picnic** – committee head: Teresa Holroyde
    - Numbers from last year have not come in from the treasurer from 2013. These should be ready for the next meeting.
- 6.0 New Business**
- 6.1** The prospect of a new French Immersion middle school was brought up. Parents would like to see one in the area. They feel Golden Gate will soon not be sufficient with the growing enrollment at the Elementary level.
- The Immersion Admin at the school division is looking into it.
  - The issue was also brought up at the trustee admin dinner.
- 6.1** Meeting adjourned at 8:30.