

**ESSEX PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011  
6:30 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** S.Winger, L. Caron-Stiers, S.Livingston, H. Spring, J. Onions, P.Smith, S.Onions, P.Gibb, D. Hendrick, S. Sylvestre, B. Jackson, P. Munday, K. Bagley, J. Schroeder, T. Pocock.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt the agenda, P. Munday 1st, P. Gibb, 2nd. Motion carried, thanks.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2011:** Motion to adopt minutes, H. Spring 1st, S. Livingston, 2nd. Motion carried, thanks.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

1. School Newsletter: There is now a monthly insert in the school newsletter from SAC. Will be written by Leanne Caron Stiers. If there is anything you would like included, please let her know by the 20th of every month, so it can be written and submitted on time.
2. Holiday Bazaar: The students had a great time. Thanks to all that helped with their time and donations.
3. Volleyball Tournament: SAC sponsored the canteen on November 25th, all food served was on the PPM 150 approval list.
4. Reference Books: Great books on Parenting, and other useful information, are presently in the school library, but are being moved into the office area, for parents to have access. Mrs. Meloche is to ensure a shelf is installed in that area, so the books are readily available.
5. Babysitting Services: Beginning December 1st, at SAC Meetings are now available! Thanks to the organizers, Sandra and Janine.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Large Play Structure: Resurfacing under structure is necessary and will be completed in the spring of 2012.
2. Walking Path: Complete, with the exception of an area where pooling is taking place, will be investigated and remedied as necessary.
3. Tree Planting: Successful!! The ECO Team, ERCA and the kids were all a huge help!! Thanks to June DeVries too!!!
4. Garden: Looking at options to plant a garden in the spring. Butterfly garden? Prairie Grass? Seed? Will re-evaluate in the spring.
5. Safe School Policy: always enforced at EPS. Follow up with the teachers will take place to ensure bullying is not a prominent problem right now. Parents are encouraged to address concerns to the school if their child is experiencing problems with bullies, so it can be dealt with promptly.
6. Signs: A sign should be constructed and mounted somewhere near the playground, on school property to acknowledge those that assisted in the construction and greening of our school

playground and property. Discussion occurred on where this sign will be posted, and which names and organizations/businesses will be allocated for the sign. As there are many people, and many organizations that are on the list of "Thank You's", Sally Onions and Tiffany Pocock have volunteered to look into the sizes and costs available for such an undertaking. Thanks Ladies! Will re-visit next month.

7. Holidays: School is done for the Holiday season Thursday, December 22nd and return January 9th, 2012.

### **STAFF REPORT**

1. Food Drive: Doing remarkably well, also raised \$169, to support the Essex Area Food Bank!! Well done EPS families!!!
2. Gingerbread Raffle: Week of December 5-9. 25 cents for 1 ticket, or \$1.00 for 5 tickets. Good luck. Proceeds go to our sponsored school in Maforeka.
3. Skating Day: December 16, Grades 2-8. Helmet and gloves are mandatory. There are alternate activities planned for students that don't skate.
4. Teacher Info: All teachers are working really hard on success criteria, and descriptive feedback initiatives. Ask your child's teacher for more info!!
6. Hot Dog Day: December 8th, parent help to arrive at 10 am, please. Condiment stations will be set up throughout the school. SAC will help. Thanks.
7. Ideas for Food Days: Taco (soft and/or large, chicken or beef); Pizza (cheese only); Pasta (sauce/cheese)
8. SAC Sponsored Soup Day: Chicken Noodle? Date? Price? Will re-visit at next meeting.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 25th:** Chequing Account:\$3098.00  
Cheques Cleared: \$352.56 (Festival Tents)  
\$860.00 (Agendas)  
Paid: \$185.00 (Insurance/Babysitting)  
\$406.45 (Playground/Balls)  
Profit from Bazaar: \$736.85  
Volleyball Tourney: \$397.13 ( have not paid school for  
Popcorn/Yogurt that was sold).  
Saving Account: \$23, 816.60 (\$19.30 interest made in  
October)

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** JANUARY 19, 2012, 6:30PM

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** D. Hendrick 1st, S. Onions 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

\*\*\* If anyone requires babysitting services for next meeting, please contact Sandra Livingston as soon as possible.