

**Suzuki Charter School
School Council Meeting
Thursday Sept. 1, 2011**

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Kim Jalal, Dave Schenk, Trish Ganam, DeLee Foley, Joan Weekes, Karen Spencer, Marcie Arnold, Lorrie Chamberlin, Jackie MacDonald, Beata Zitnansky, Kerry Crawford

Approval of Agenda: Informal agenda

Approval of Minutes: Dave motioned to approve June 2011 minutes. Trish seconded. All were in favor.

1. Reports

1.1 Chair/Vice Chair

- Highlighted achievements from last year such as: the establishment of a regular group, improving parking issues, supporting the move/new library, creating volunteer sheets, increasing awareness of Alberta School Council Association.
- Kim and Trish will be stepping down as Chair/Vice Chair as of September 1, 2011. Dave Schenk put his name forward as Chair for 2011/2012. Kerry Crawford put her name forward as Vice Chair for 2011/2012. No other names were put forward. All were in favor.

1.2 Secretary

- Marcie Arnold will be stepping down as Co-Secretary as of September 1, 2011. DeLee Foley has agreed to remain as Secretary for the 2011/2012 year. All were in favor.

1.3 Principal

- Jennifer Oslund has agreed to help plan a Community Garden in the front of the school. This will be used as an educational tool with the students, as well as a beautification opportunity for our school. Oct. 14, 2011 will be the ground breaking day. School Council has been asked to help with this event.
- Funcripts was brought forth as an additional fundraising idea that would coincide with the Sobeys Gift Cards. They provide a variety of gift cards that could be purchased by parents. 8 - 10% of the sales would be returned to the school. School Council was in favor of this fundraiser.
- Trish will look into more information in regards to an i Pad program that another school is doing. She will forward information on to Karen.
- We have 2 full sets of computers for student use.
- Kerry suggested that we ask teachers to set up Scholastic ordering online to maximize purchasing. Karen will bring this idea to a staff meeting.

- Lunch has been extended to 1 hour for a piloted 6 months. There will be 9 supervisors in and out of the school during lunch recess as well as either Mrs. Spencer, Mr. S or Miss Lalonde.
- Students, known as Suzuki Harmonizers, will be trained in conflict management to help students problem solve with each other during recess.
- A new communication record form has been established to communicate to classroom teachers any recess/lunch concerns. It is felt that the child's classroom teacher is the best first contact to resolve issues as the relationship with the child is already established.

2. New Business

2.1 ASC Association

- Available course information was distributed for review. Members were asked to highlight courses that they thought would be beneficial. It was hoped that we could bring in a guest speaker for a morning meeting as well as during a parent evening. Dave will look into this further.

2.2 Communications

- Dave will look after the bulletin board and add a suggestion box for comments/concerns from the parent body.
- Karen offered to add a drop down menu to the website that links to meeting minutes and upcoming agendas.
- The newsletter will be available online as well as a printed copy located at the front of the school. Email reminders will be sent.

2.3 Dogs on the Field

- Dave requested that city signage be posted to prevent dogs from coming into the field. He will also ask Darren to bring it to the community league. Suggestions were made to have a temporary sign made by the school.

2.4 Lice Education

- It was suggested that the school look at having someone come in to educate parents further about lice. Marci offered to look into finding someone who would be willing to come in for an assembly. Karen offered to check with the school health nurse.

2.5 2011/2012 Patrols

- Lelana Jenson is taking care of scheduling patrols this year. Mrs. Fung will be coordinating the children in the morning.

2.6 New Parent Information

- Kerry has offered to draft a document that could help inform new parents about what to expect at the school.

2.7 Teacher Representation

- It was asked if a teacher representative would be able to attend the meetings. Karen thought that a teacher may be able to be relieved for a few minutes to offer input at the meeting, but emphasized that it couldn't interrupt the learning of students.

2.8 Meeting dates for 2011/2012

- 9 a.m. on Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 10, June 14

Next Meeting – Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at 9am at the school library.

Adjournment: 9:55 a.m.

These minutes are based on the writer's interpretation and are considered to be an accurate recording of the items discussed. Any discrepancies and/or omissions should be reported to the undersigned in writing or brought up at the next regular meeting.

**DeLee Foley
Secretary**