

CORNER BROOK REGIONAL HIGH
School Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the CBRH School Council was held on Monday, October 19th, 2009 at 7:00 PM with the following members in attendance.

Elaine Huxter, Chair
Mary Marshall, Co-chair
Vaughn Granter, Principal
Sandy Specker
Dennis Ezekiel
Anna Marie Alteen
Derek Tilley
Jerry Scott
Garry Parsons
Kelly-Anne Pelley
Debbie Winsor
Robert Murphy
Michelle hamlyn
Jo-Anne McCarthy
Katrina Basha
Cliff Squires
Chris Rogers
Pauline Dingwell
Elizabeth Dyke
Mike Fleming
Ronald Wall
Gerald Ford
Carl King
Mary Carew
Shelly Quigley
Doris Bellows

Regrets: Jerry Hicks
Jo-Anne Philpott
Dale Froud
John Dennison

Welcome and Call to Order

Elaine Huxter called the meeting was at 7:00 PM and welcomed members returning and new members to School Council.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held Monday, September 21st were previously distributed for the review of members and no errors or omissions were identified. A motion by Kelly-Anne Pelley that the minutes be adopted as tabled. Seconded by Jerry Scott. All in favor. Carried.

Correspondence

Elaine advised that she had received correspondence from Rob Matthews confirming that Vaughn Granter had been named the recipient of the “Distinguished Administrator of the Year Award”. This is sponsored by the School Administrators Council of NLTA and School Council submitted Vaughn’s nomination in May of this year. All members of School Council extended congratulations to Vaughn on receiving this prestigious award.

Elaine advised that the September/October issue of the Cuffer is now available and if members are interested in receiving this publication electronically they can contact the offices of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils (NLFSC) at: nlfsci@gmail.com or call toll free 1-877-739-4830 and request that your name be added to the distribution list. (For ease of reference a copy of the Sept/Oct issue will be attached to these minutes.)

An invoice has been received from the NLFSC for renewal of our annual membership. The invoice has been passed on to Vaughn for processing and subsequent payment.

In addition, Elaine received an email from the NLFSC asking for feedback on two specific questions:

1. Have teachers been allocated to your school based on programming and teaching needs? Were the allocations determined by your particular circumstances, i.e. on individual classroom and school need?
2. Are your class sizes within the implemented Class Size Caps? Kindergarten – 20; Grades 1 to 5 – 25 students; and Grades 7 and 8 – 27 students?

Vaughn advised that in response to both sections of Question 1, the answer is “yes” and Question #2 is not applicable to the high school level.

Old Business/Business Arising

The establishment of goals and objective for the 2009-2010 school year was deferred to the October meeting as it was expected that most members would be in attendance at this meeting. After much discussion, the following items were suggested as new goals:

1. Establish protocol as to how School Council will monitor the level of success with the recently implemented Athletic Policy and the Fundraising Policy.
2. Work with school and staff to monitor student achievement through review of data with teachers, review of school development plan, etc.

3. Establish an Alumnus of the Year sub-committee. While the Committee may not be enacted this year, it would be a great accomplishment just to get the Committee established.
4. As a sub-committee of School Council, establish a Scholarship Committee to work with school, students and parents.

It was agreed that these four new goals and the carry-over of two from last year would be a sufficient undertaking for this school year.

Review of School Council Goals

International Travel Policy

Vaughn advised that a two-page draft document is nearing completion and the first draft should be available for review by School Council at the meeting in November 2009.

Legacy Committee

Vaughn advised that he has met with Kim Halfyard and items at both Regina and S. D. Cook schools have been reviewed. Gerald Ford has agreed to visit both sites and try to digitize as many of the pictures as possible. Vaughn pointed out that this is a time-consuming project and will be a work in progress for some time. The banners are also waiting to be relocated to the new school.

New Business

Pet Transfer

Mary Marshall referenced a recent article in *The Western Star* about the possible end to the Pet Transfer project. There was a challenge on the paper's website in response to the article challenging schools to get involved in this worthwhile initiative. Given that this is an unfunded, community driven initiative it was thought that this might be a meaningful project for our school to come out and support.

Vaughn agreed to take this recommendation back to staff for further discussion to determine if and how our school could participate.

K-12 Planet

Elaine queried Vaughn as to whether or not problems are being encountered with K-12 Planet. Her recent experience was that while the teacher advises that the grades are posted, as a parent she still cannot view the marks. Vaughn advised that he has had discussion with John Payne to determine if the problem is local or rests with the company in British Columbia.

Vaughn agreed to follow-up and advise parents once the problem has been correctly identified and corrected.

Dates of Interest

The following are dates of interest for parents:

- October 22nd and 23rd – Profession Development Days – School Closed
- November 10th – Remembrance Day Ceremony – Rededication of Memorial Plaque
- December 10th – Christmas/Band Concert

Additional information on the school calendar can be found on the school’s web site <http://www.cbhs.k12.nf.ca/>.

Green School Council

Elaine suggested that our School Council become more “Green” and one way to do this is to become more aware of our paper usage. Elaine recommended that the only standard item that should be printed and available at School Council meetings should be the Agenda. The minutes are distributed electronically and should be reviewed prior to the meeting and this will eliminate the need for paper copies.

All members were in agreement with this recommendation by the Chair.

Fundraising Requests

Vaughn advised that he had received the following applications to conduct fundraising activities.

Group	Activity	Timeline	Rationale
Envirothon	Recycling	Ongoing	To help offset travel costs
Year Book Committee	Approach businesses to solicit ads in book	Ongoing	To help offset costs of year book.
Concert Band	Toonie Tuesday Each band member pays \$2 Each member to bring in \$25 in recycling; Band Concert and sell tickets on basket; 50/50 draw	Weekly Ongoing Dec 10 th	To help offset anticipated travel costs of 30K to Provincials and Band Festival.

Group	Activity	Timeline	Rationale
Concert Band (Cont'd)	Food Coupon Sales (Subway, Pizza, Wontons)	Ongoing	
Boys Hockey	Solicit ads for calendar;	During the Fall	To offset 25K in expenditures in travel to 3-4 tournaments.
	Selling fish cakes;	Ongoing	
	Snowblower Ticket Draw;	Draw Date of Dec 24	
	Big Screen TV Draw - Tickets	Spring Fundraiser	
Girls Sr. Volleyball	Car Wash	Fall	To help cover travel expenses to Sussex tournament and travel to tournaments in NL, i.e. Volleyfest.
	Bottle Blitz	Fall	
	Garage Sale	Date to be determined	

School Council members approved all applications submitted for fundraising activities. Groups should be reminded to familiarize themselves with the Fundraising Policy to ensure their group is in compliance. In addition, as stated in the Fundraising Policy, parents always have the option to pay “their equivalent share of fees” in lieu of fundraising activities.

H1N1

The Western School District has implemented a daily reporting from schools of absenteeism and so far, the number of students absent at CBRH is not of any great concern.

Vaughn advised that inoculation against H1N1 should be available in early November and will be available for students and staff in the gymnasium over a three-day period.

Other Business

Mary Marshall asked that a parent meeting be called to discuss the 2010 graduation. This would provide an opportunity for parents to receive an update on the school’s protocol for graduation ceremonies and ask any questions they may have on expenses, etc. This year’s Graduation will be held on June 23rd and 24th, 2010.

Vaughn advised that the school has a Crisis Response Team which is seeking a representative from School Council to serve on this committee. Derek Tilley agreed to represent School Council on the Crisis Response Team.

Before turning the chair over to Vaughn for elections, Elaine suggested each person introduce themselves.

Elaine turned Chair of the meeting over to Vaughn to oversee the nomination and election process. Vaughn thanked everyone for their interest in School Council and advised that although we have a large membership, it is not his intent to ever turn anybody away from serving on School Council. He requested that should a member not be able to attend a School Council meeting, it would be appreciated if he could receive an email advising of your regrets.

Nomination and Election

Nomination for Chair

Mary Marshall nominated Elaine Huxter; seconded by Kelly-Anne Pelley.
Call for other nominations. None received.
Elaine was asked if she accepted the nomination and she Accepted.
By acclamation, Elaine Huxter elected as Chair of the CBRH School Council.

Nomination for Co-Chair

Elaine Huxter nominated Mary Marshall; seconded by Mary Carew.
Call for other nominations.
Debbie Winsor nominated Derek Tilley; seconded by Jerry Scott.
Mary was asked if she accepted the nomination and she Accepted.
Derek was asked if he accepted the nomination and he Declined.
By acclamation, Mary Marshall elected as Chair of the CBRH School Council.

Secretary

Chris Rogers nominated Shelly Quigley; seconded by Jerry Scott.
Call for other nominations. None received.
Shelly was asked if she accepted the nomination and she Accepted.
By acclamation, Shelly Quigley elected as Secretary of the CBRH School Council

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23rd, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

A motion by Kelly-Anne Pelley to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Pauline Dingwell. All in favor. Carried.