

Nestor Falls School
Parent Council meeting – May 31, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:51pm

Attended by:

Billy Jo Chalupsky
Tawnya Tolton
Jen Lougheed
Susan Tomalty
Veronica Hammond

Kerri Halvorsen
Lucinda Meyers
Holly Kropelin
Kate Woods

The council watched the **Recognition of Excellence** slideshow presentation (pictures) from this school year accompanied by the Sioux Narrows Bridge song created by Rodney Brown and the Senior room students.

Principal's Report

- **School Renovations:** \$30,000 has been allocated to complete school renovations over the summer. Shingles, (fascia and soffits), and siding will be replaced, the entire interior of the school will be painted, and the bathrooms will be completely renovated. Council members looked at choices for roofing color, and a burnished red was chosen.
- **Sports equipment:** Some sports equipment has been purchased, (a back catchers mask and 4 bats), but for the time being no new equipment will be bought, as students haven't been taking care of the equipment already here.
- **Recognition of Excellence:** The Recognition of Excellence slideshow was presented at Donald Young School for the recent school board meeting and also the Principal's meeting. It was very well received by all.
- **Grade 8 Graduation** will be held on June 17th at Kelly's Castaway Lodge. A fish fry will be served, followed by the graduating ceremonies. Jerry O'Leary will be the guest speaker.
- **Money for Literacy Materials:** We had previously received and spent \$7,500 for Literacy materials, and have now received another \$1,336 which will go toward more Math and Literacy resources. Some books have already been purchased from this new allocation of money.

- **Book Fair:** Thanks to Veronica for organizing and running a successful Book Fair. Just under \$1300 in books was sold, giving the library 50% of that sum back in book product. Tentative plans for another Fair next spring are being considered.
- **Barbara Coloroso**, a highly esteemed motivational speaker, will be in Fort Frances September 16th and 17th, to talk about Bullying. Anyone who is interested in attending must have their application and payment in by June 14th.

Old Business

- **Balanced Day** – The balanced day was discussed in reference to Nestor Falls School. The council members unanimously agree in favor of going to the balanced day in 2005/06 school year. Lucinda will send home information for parents with a survey attached, and once all parental input is received, a final decision will be made whether or not to implement this schedule.
- **Endowment Fund & Home School Fund**
 - No more **sports equipment** will be purchased at this time, because kids have not been taking care of what is already here!
 - **Benches and tables** are still being considered. Prices are being checked on whether is it more economical to buy them or have them made.
 - We will not be planting in the **flower beds** because they will be destroyed when the renovations take place, but we will get some flower boxes to plant in and display them around the school and at the entrances. The flower beds can be prepared this fall (as a science project) to have ready for next spring's planting season.
 - **Tether Ball** – Lucinda will look into what Rainy River has for tether balls and how they were constructed, for ideas that we may consider for our playground
- **Cookbook Sales** – There are still 30 – 40 books left to sell. Billy Jo or Holly will ask Helliars or another local business to sell them for us. Another possibility is the local churches.
- **Community Dinner** – This year's dinner went very well with a great program, delicious menu, and a condensed style of entertainment and raffle draws. We made a profit of \$412.78 this year, after all expenses had been paid. The only complaint was the number of people looking for tickets at the last minute, and those who had purchased too many

tickets and were trying to sell back for a refund. Something to consider for next year is that there be a cut off date for ticket sales, which might alleviate last minute scrambling. All in all, everyone had a good time and the date chosen is a better time to have the dinner so families involved with hockey or other tournament sports can come too.

- **Spring Clean-up-** On June 7th, students will participate in a spring clean up of school yard, road ways, and the highway loop from one entrance to the other (around Willard's Corner). Holly will be getting 'Men at Work' signs, pylons and florescent orange vests from the MTO, and permission slips will be sent home this week.
- **Finger Board Signs** – Holly has enquired about getting new finger board signs for the school entrances, and is now waiting for the reply.

New Business

- **Hot Lunch** – The hot lunch program went very well this year, with the pre-set menu, monthly payment system, and volunteers. We made a profit this year, and it is recommended to continue with this same format next year. There are some leftovers from this year's hot lunch program, and the council will do a free lunch on June 7th in conjunction with the clean-up day.
- **Ad Board** – People have been using the Ad board for their personal advertising, without paying the yearly fee. Billy has removed several postings, and will create a sign with our school logo to deter people from using it unless they pay for it. She will also send out a letter to current and past customers to regenerate interest for this type of advertising.

Other Business

- **School bus issues-** There have been no reported incidences in the last while, although Kerri mentioned that the Junior students were a little wild on the morning of the 'Farm Visit' field trip, but Mary lectured them upon arrival and they were very quiet on the way home.
- **Logging-** The logging that was supposed to occur over the summer has been held off till this fall, and restrictions in relation to when the company will operate and road considerations will be addressed at that time.

- **Roof** – A vote was taken and the majority was in favor of a burnished red as the color of the new school roof.
- **Picnic** – This year’s school picnic will be held on Monday June 20th at Caliper Lake Provincial Park. All students will be picked up by bus at home and transported to the park for the day. A letter with all the details will be sent home as the date approaches. Any parents who wish to come, must pay for their own vehicle entry fee. The back-up date will be Wednesday June 22nd.

This is the last council meeting this school year, and a date will be set in the fall for next the meeting. Thank you to all council members for your time and efforts this year!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm