

Nov. 28, 2006
 School Council Minutes

Present: Carol Diamond, Myrna Benderoff, Debra Frank-Derlick, Lois Babcock
 Regrets: Ken Shigeishi, Glenn Babcock, Allison Williams

Topic	Discussion	Action
Grant	Applied for Parents Reaching Out Grant, and the group checked as many areas as possible. We want to increase parents' involvement. Carol suggests psychologist, Karen Gordon, and will try to contact her. Sessions on pathways in different languages might be an idea. We asked for \$9000. The group accepts this.	Survey the parents
Minutes	Approved by and seconded by Carol	
Dress Code	Primarily this was written by admin. and staff. This group approved of the current dress code.	
Cell phones	Cell phones are not allowed in the classrooms or hallways other than the front hall. Carol says that teachers will decide about mp3 players. The groups approved the behavior code and the dress code and support it.	
Admin. Profile	Carol explained why we need a profile for administration. Decided to brainstorm and start fresh without looking at available suggestions. The group brainstormed the following characteristics: Welcoming, answers questions, open door policy, culturally sensitive, open-minded, aware of options and alternatives for students,, advocate for at risk students non-judgmental, experienced, entrepreneurial, fresh ideas, encourage a professional learning community, reaching out type of person, celebrating the positive, enthusiastic, empathetic, sense of humour, warm, highly visible, committed, promote school spirit, advocate for school, proactive and problem solving, proficient at ordering and purchasing for a new school, ability to delegate appropriately, support the arts and technology, hiring diverse staff, good negotiator/mediator, focus on literacy skills and communication skills, adaptable. This list is not yet complete	

Principal's Report	<p>Carol reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just sent out Midterm reports and will do one more midterm • Events on character development symposium • The school is hosting numerous sports events • Intramurals are beginning • There will be a fitness center • School has significant number of at risk students • There will be opportunities for elementary teachers to work with SLSS staff (Gr.7/8) • There are York university students teachers who will be connected • CITY TV came today for ABEL event • Parents workshop night on Feb,6, 13, 20, 27, @7:30-9:00 	
Meeting adjourned	Next meeting Jan 23, 2007	