

**Manitouwadge Public School
Community Council Meeting
Tuesday October 11, 2005**

PRESENT: *Dave Passi – Principal, Marcia Newton – Secretary, Tammy Turner – Treasurer, Kelly Sagle – Parent Rep., Nancy Pageau – Tuck Shop Rep., Belinda Schleier – Teachers Rep., Helena Ryan – Parent Rep., Treena Roberts – Parent Rep., Penny Morrell – Parent Rep.*

Meeting commenced at 6:15 p.m.

1.0 Welcome & Introductions - *Welcome was extended to all new attendees and those that have returned.*

2.0 Election of Officers - *Tammy has agreed to stay on in the Treasurer's position and Marcia will continue as the Secretary. The council required a Chairperson and after discussion Kelly Sage and Nancy Pageau have agreed to co-chair.*

3.0 Tuck Shop - *Nancy reported that all was going well with the Tuck Shop. Milk fees have increased because of transportation costs but we are still making a little money therefore the cost to purchase will not change. Milk is now being delivered directly to Nancy's home and she is delivering it to the school Friday mornings. Doris has been preparing the tuck shop cards, thank you. They are being sold for \$10.00 at the Tuck Shop. Currently there are only 4 helpers with the Tuck Shop and Nancy is always actively seeking more volunteers. This year there is only one new volunteer. World school milk day was celebrated on September 28th. Nancy and a few volunteers spent the day going around to each classroom making ice cream. The children were given a copy of the recipe to take home. This event was very successful, thank you Nancy.*

4.0 Fundraising -

- 1. Pop Bottles – Dave is not sure if this fundraising event is to continue. He will check into this.*
- 2. School Dances – Council was asked if there was any interest in hosting a school dance. Several members showed interest and this will be revisited at a future meeting.*

5.0 Budget - *Dave discussed when and how the budget is prepared and requested if anyone sees a need in the school to please forward the details on to him.*

6.0 School Improvement Plans – *Dave has several items on the go. The Literacy and Numeracy programs are one of the main focuses again this year. At the next meeting, he is going to discuss the EQAO results. Dave also reviewed with the council the Staff workshops on writing that some of the teachers will be attending for the Primary Level.*

7.0 Tuck Shop Expenses - Dave would like to donate funds from the school budget to offset the cost of gas for the volunteer that provides all our Tuck Shop supplies. This requires several trips throughout the week to and from businesses and the school. Council also agreed to a donation. The amount will be discussed and determined at a later date.

8.0 Treasurer's report - Tammy prepared report, June 7, 2005 to October 11, 2005. The report is as follows:

Balance Forwarded	\$ 1088.07
Revenue	\$ 877.72
Expenses	\$ 1589.58
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 391.81</u>

Kelly needs to have signing authority on the council's account, she will have to visit the CIBC to fill in any necessary paper work.

In November the Treasurers books for the MPS Council are going to be audited and Dave will meet with Tammy to discuss details.

9.0 E-Mail Addresses - Dave has requested everyone provide their e-mail addresses in order to distribute agendas, minutes and any other pertinent information that comes up between meetings.

10.0 Correspondence - A Thank you card was received from the Grade 5 class. Parent Council had provided some funding for students to attend swimming last spring.

11.0 Other -

1. Busing – Dave has continued to pursue this issue with the safety aspect in the winter months as his main concern. This has become a board wide issue. Kelly and Treena are going to draft a letter on behalf of the Parent Council to the Board regarding our concerns.
2. Student Agendas – Kelly mentioned what a wonderful communication tool these are for the Teachers, Parents and Students to utilize.
3. Student Numbers – Dave reported that our student body is smaller as to be expected with the pending Newmont Mine closure. Currently there are 158 students. He also commented that the school funding is based on student body within the school at the end of October and end of March.
4. School Events – Intramurals have already begun for the school year. Students have been able to participate in Baseball, Chess, and Kids are Authors programs. The Terry Fox Run went very well. Donations of \$1500.00 were received by the students who collected pledges for this event.

The Thunder Bay symphony has been in to the school for a presentation. As well, Kadence, a professional group from Southern Ontario had been in to entertain the students.

A Bus safety and Halloween Safety demonstration will be completed by Officer Diane Cole soon.

School skating will begin as soon as the ice surface is ready and hopefully curling activities can begin soon.

The entire student body will be participating in the Christmas Concert again this year.

- 5. Criminal Record Checks – All volunteers are required to produce criminal records checks, this includes Parent Council members. Once Council members have received these, Dave would like to have a copy on file.*
- 6. First Aid – A concern was brought forward regarding lunch room teachers having First Aid. Kelly will contact the Ambulance Base regarding course cost and availability for 6 people.*

Meeting Adjourned - 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday November 7th 6:15 p.m.