

**Manitouwadge Public School
Community Council Meeting
Monday December 5, 2005**

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

ABSENT: *Treena Roberts – Parent Rep.,*

Meeting commenced at 6:15 p.m.

1.0 Welcome & Introductions - *Welcome was extended to Ashley Malakoff, our new student representative.*

2.0 Adoption of October 11th Minutes

3.0 Tuck Shop – *Nancy reported that the Tuck shop is quite busy. We are still lacking in volunteers and she is filling in the gaps. After the Christmas break some of the grade 8 students will be available to help lighten the load. Penny has offered to assist on short notice if needed. The Tuck Shop cards system is going well. During the last week of school the Tuck shop will sell off whatever is left and restock in January.*

Tess Lendt, a SK student purchased a chocolate milk and was pleasantly surprised when it mooded. She was the winner of a digital DVD System. An article has been place in the echo to celebrate Tess' win. Nancy provided the SK class with pencils, stickers and posters and Tess also received a toque. Nancy feels the milk orders will need to be increased after Christmas.

4.0 Treasurer's report - *Tammy prepared report, November 8 to December 5, 2005. She noted there was a small change in the opening balance as compared to the previous report because of a correction. The report is as follows:*

<i>Balance Forwarded</i>	<i>\$ 638.43</i>
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 1043.30</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 770.80</i>
<i>Closing Balance</i>	<i>\$ 910.93</i>

4.1 Signing Authority – *There are four members of the council with signing authority: Tammy, Nancy, Kelly and Marcia.*

5.0 Teacher's Report – *Belinda reviewed the Intramural programs that have just completed; Jr. handball and Volleyball. The Sr. students will be traveling to Marathon for a daytrip to compete this month. In January the basket ball program will begin. The Christmas concert is scheduled for December 19th.*

6.0 Student's Report – Ashley jumped right in with a few comments:

- *Secret Santa within the school – this was a wonderful idea and a discussion was had regarding a dollar value. The final decision was to limit gifts to homemade items. This would be contained within each classroom if teachers choose to have their class participate.*
- *Suggestion box – this would be placed at or near the office and if any student wanted to relay information through Ashley to the Council meetings they could utilize this avenue. Ashley also asked that details about the suggestion box be put on the announcements to inform the student body.*
- *School Dance – Ashley helped work at the dances and reported that they went well, the glow sticks were a big selling item.*

7.0 Principal's Report – Dave presented the Council Members with his Report for December 2005 (please see attached). Some highlights were:

- *Suspensions 2004 – 2005 (MPS)*
- *Ministry Money*
- *EQAO*
- *Student Success – Learning to 18 Initiative*
- *Busing – after some discussion council members became aware of the cost of busing and how billing is figured in. The busing is paid per rider not per trip.*
- *Policy Review*
- *Booster Seat – by law any child under the age of 8, under 80 lbs or a certain height must be properly buckled in a vehicle with a booster seat. Time to time Dave has had to drop students off at home under extreme circumstances and the council has offered to purchase one to protect the student and Dave's liability. All council members were in favor. Nancy will purchase the booster seat and submit a receipt to the Treasurer.*

8.0 Feedback from Council regarding Balanced Day – Parent Council was given the opportunity to review a balanced day and to ponder over how this may benefit or negatively impact on our school. Dave brought this back to the Parent Council meeting again to gain insight as to what Council Members thought of a balanced day. A few questions did arise regarding the short time period allotted for lunch as not all of our students are bused and do go home for lunch. Also of concern was the lose of that available time after lunch to run the intramural programs.

If anyone has any further comments, questions, concerns, and feedback regarding the balanced day could they please contact Dave to discuss. Dave commented that the Dorion Public School is piloting the project this year and seem to like the day plan.

9.0 Other –

1. *Beardmore School Council Committee Minutes*
2. *Thank You – A Thank you card has been sent to Jay MacLean at Franks for his continued support of the Tuck Shop through discounted purchases.*
3. *First Aid for Lunchroom Supervisors – Kelly is following up on the first aid for the lunchroom supervisors to obtain more details of when, how much etc.*

Meeting Adjourned - 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday February 6th, 2006 6:30 p.m.

