



**Tempo School**  
**Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 16, 2009**

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Members Present: Dr. Mitchell, Mrs. Romney, Ms. Harman, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Sandha

Absent: Mrs. Wirzba, Mrs. Toor

1. **Welcome** Mrs. Romney
  - Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.
  
2. **Financial Report** Mrs. Reid
  - Calendar sales are still at a deficit. They were not available at the Family Dance.
  - Elementary Dance was under budget by \$285.11.
  
3. **Suggestion Box Results** All
  - Hockey is being introduced at intramurals during long break Thursdays. Participation was lower than anticipated.
  - Despite the large number of suggestions for soccer equipment, it was agreed that the current soccer equipment is more than adequate in quantity and quality.
  - Suggestions for Arts and Crafts Club in higher grades will be investigated with the suggestion of offering more specialized classes (sketching or oil painting).
  - Cooking class suggestions were not entertained as they are not feasible with the lack of a cooking room/kitchen.
  - PAC will not be supplying microwaves for lunches due to sanitary, sensory and safety issues.
  - Clubs such as Nature/Orienteering or Biking would need after-school parent volunteers and could be offered.
  - Computer classes were not offered this term due to a communication breakdown but will be offered for more grades in January.
  
4. **Parent Representative Summaries – Lower School** Mrs. Kelly
  - None.
  
5. **Parent Representative Summaries – Middle School** Ms. Harman
  - Movie Night was a success with 35 students in attendance. Over \$285 was raised for the Stollery Hospital. Students have requested another Movie Night in Spring.

6. **Parent Representative Summaries - Upper School** Mrs. Sandha
- No new items.
  - Inquired on the status of Sexual Education Classes. This class will not be offered during the 2009/2010 school term. Dr. Mitchell to discuss the potential for future classes/after school classes at the Board meeting next week.

7. **New Business** All
- EF Tour Trips and H1N1** Mrs. Sandha

- The Grade 7 and 8 students are registered for a tour in February to Quebec and Ottawa with EF Tour Trips. Parents have expressed concern regarding H1N1 and expressed an intention of withdrawing students. Parents have been informed that there would be no refunds given for withdrawals due to fear of H1N1. The tour company policy is that refunds will only be given if the registrant is sick at the time of the tour and can provide a doctor's note. If the registrant falls ill during the trip, the tour company will pay for the child to return home early if need be.
- It was discussed that vaccinations will be readily available to everyone by December and that H1N1 should not be a large issue.
- It was also decided that this was not in the scope of PAC or the school and that this matter needed to be dealt with between the registrants and the tour company directly.

**School Act** Dr. Mitchell

- Dave Hancock's ministry has a new program called Inspiring Education. Review of the Education Act is being conducted and lots of groups are submitting suggestions to the Ministry. If the Act changes the official program of study, this could be significant to Tempo School. They are conducting initial consultations now. They have implied that some of the changes will include the "from me to we" philosophy and also including social services in the school system. Dr. Mitchell will discuss the review further in the January newsletter.

8. **Adjournment** Mrs. Romney
- Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.