

Jean Vanier Parent Council Minutes: September 23rd, 2015

Present: Connie Gray (Co-Chair), Kim Jeurond (Treasurer), Connie Matiz (Co-Chair and Secretary), Bill Ironside (Principal)

Regrets: Christine Goodall

- First minutes of the 2015-2016 school year
- Bill updated the council with a Principal report regarding the school board's effort to "engage and transform" the school. All teachers were provided with a laptop, projectors in every class, chrome books and ipads for the students.
- Bill also mentioned the population of the school is at 522 students and the phase 1 of the school construction is complete.
- The parent council enjoyed a tour of a few of the new classrooms and amenities.
- Connie G. requested Bill to make an inquiry in regards to the Parent Involvement fund to have an idea of monies available to the council for the Lift Your Spirit event
- Connie G. informed the council of the \$1000.00 Pro-Grant that is available to the council for Lift Your Spirit expenses
- Kim requested a Parent Council drawer to file paper work for the council for future use. Bill mentioned there is one for us to use
- Kim inquired about advertising for the Lift Your Spirit event
- Connie M. suggested a family picnic, a movie for the students with a mental health theme and more physical activities for the Lift Your Spirit event
- Connie G. will create a newsletter to update parents on the council in hopes to recruit more parent volunteers. The newsletters will go home with the students
- Bill mentioned that Anna Whiteside should be involved with the Lift Your Spirit planning as she is the point person for the health staff
- Bill to let Connie G. know what day the parent/teacher interview is in order to add the date to the newsletter

Meeting dates:

October 21st
November 18th
No meeting for December
January 20th
February 17th
March 23rd
April 20th