

**Valhalla Community School  
School Council Meeting  
September 27, 2011**

**Attendees:**

Anna Odd  
Steve Mumert  
Lisa Arnet  
Barb Vig  
Jolene Kochendorfer  
Linda McKay  
Roxy Vig  
Bev Nayko  
Edwin Morales  
Jenn Thatcher  
Monica

**Chair Report**

- Anna gave us a report of how the 2010-2011 year went for school council. Anna commented on the parent volunteers, they had a good turnout for all events, but always looking for more.
- Ski Hill went well. Anna will be making up a calendar with a list of duties for our new volunteers. More parent volunteers will be needed for this upcoming year.
- Pat Moutray has volunteered to take on the clothing order again this year. It is not a fundraiser, but it's a great way to show our school spirit.
- Anna reviewed the purchases the school council was able to make with the money we made from the ski hill. Kelli was able to purchase science equipment, and gym equipment, as well as all the new computers that the teachers required to run the new smart boards.
- Hot Lunch program was discussed. Last year we had to purchase the lunches from local establishments such as; Pizza and subs. Hot dogs were able to be cooked in the staff room.

**Principals Report**

- Mr. Mumert discussed the roles and obligations of the School Council, as we cannot be a fundraising entity. School Council has input in the 3 year plan that the principal has to make up, as well as advising the principal on Board decisions. A key role in the School Council is to take our school message out to the broader community.
- Mr. Mumert gave us a summary of the report he presented to the board. The start-up was quite hectic; Steve related it to the first day of the new Charter School. As great as the new renovations are, they made for a very frantic few days. Their biggest challenge right now is the on-line programming. The 2<sup>nd</sup> language courses are currently one of the classes being affected. Also some of the jr. high option courses will also be on-line.

- Currently the school numbers are 109 students, with 7 ECS students.
- Mr. Mumert discussed the Charter Review from last year. Report was favourable, although with any review there comes some suggestions for improvement. The teachers have been working on a **Charter Review Action Plan**. Working hard to improve on the direct instruction, with more focus on the public speaking portion of our Charter, as well as Penmanship and Leadership.
- A digital portfolio will be set up for each student; teachers will put their assignments in the portfolio. Parent/Teacher interviews will be led by the student, they will have goals that they set for themselves, and along with the portfolio will all be presented at the PTI's.
- Charter Review also made specific reference to those goals.

### **Board Report**

- Jolene gave us the board report, as Steve discussed, the school has reached its cap. The cap includes the 1-9; ECS is not included with the cap. We do or will have extra space, there was a suggestion that the school board apply for a cap increase. Jolene would like everyone to think about how they feel about a cap increase. She is taking all opinions.
- AGM will be in the spring. There will be a vacancy as director in the school council. Anyone interested in having their name stand, is as to contact someone in the board. There will also be a spot available in the "Community Governance Committee" The role of the governance board is to nominate new directors, as well as recruiting new ones.
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday will be Hot Lunch. A lengthy discussion was held on how to get parents to volunteer.
- Anna will contact the Health Inspector to get the new kitchen inspected.
- A "Harvest" Pot Luck will be planned for October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. This is to welcome all new people to Valhalla Community School, and hopefully get our message out.

Minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read.

### **Election of New Members**

Linda McKay offered her name to stand as School Council Treasurer – Roxy 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination. AIF

Amy Nemezc let her name stand for secretary

Roxy let her name stand as Vice-chairperson

Barb Vig let her name stand as Chairperson

Lorraine made a motion to have all the names stand, Jolen 2<sup>nd</sup> . AIF

Jenn Thatcher made a motion to adjourn at 9:15