

**Vista Heights Parent Council Meeting
October 8th 2013**

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. In Attendance: Liz, Sandra, Joanna, Chad, Angela, Nova,

-Liz Bell, Council Chair, made introductions with some new parents regarding the role of School Council.

TEACHER PRESENTATION – Ms. Makowski and Mrs. Calvert

-Outdoor School at Kamp Kawanis - Information for grade 5 &6 learning opportunity:

- cost is \$190.00 per student
- we require 75% attendance of total grade 5/6 students
- outdoor school takes place from Nov. 12 to Nov.15 2013
- Leave on the 12th at 9:00am and arrive back at the school around 2pm on the 15th
- Learning experiences include Orienteering, Shelter building, Animal care, Wetland Studies etc

Principal's Report:

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-**Gym Update:** equipment room still waiting for seaming and shelving to be built and installed, but classes are taking place, no access to the equipment room

- **Breakfast program** donation – rec'd from TAQA

-**Clubs:** Div II Digital Champions (iMovie focus)
Div I Digital Champions (Read & Write Gold)
Div II (Choir) Music Leaders
Grade 5/6 Sports Club

-**Open Commons**- will run during the lunch period, students can choose to work on a learning task such as RAZ Kids, playing a board game with friends, working on a puzzle, or completing homework or classwork

-open commons takes place from 12:00-12:15 and 12:30-12:45

-this opportunity is optional for students to participate

-**New Reporting System** – outcomes based reporting (not new)

-3 formally booked conferences (September, December, March)

-2 written report cards (January and June)

-teachers utilizing formative assessment (ongoing) and communicating with parents (face-to-face meetings, telephone conversations, emails – documented conversations regarding student progress)

-Student Voice –creating a school logo

-student voice representatives shared other school's logos and created and shared criteria for a logo with their classmates

-Halloween: costumes are optional–no masks or weapons –whole school sharing with Student Voice representatives leading in the gym and students return to classrooms for learning activities – no 'home baked' treats to honor allergies and food restrictions

VISTA HEIGHTS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order at 7:24pm.

-SUTP Fundraiser: we raised \$920.00

-will designate the Purdy's Chocolate fundraising towards gym equipment and music equipment

-Nova made a motion that Parent council will pay a portion of \$90.00 towards the Outdoor Education per child and going to budget \$100.00 for Contingency plan. Liz 2nd –all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. Next meeting is NOV. 12 AT 6:30PM.